

## ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance ordering a general election to be held in the city of Dallas on May 1, 2021, for the purpose of electing 14 members to the city council of the city of Dallas; providing residency requirements for candidates; designating polling places; providing for the use of an electronic voting system for early voting by personal appearance, a computerized voting system for early voting by mail, and electronic and computerized voting systems for voting on election day; permitting only resident qualified voters to vote; providing for early voting; providing for an early voting ballot board to process early voting; providing for notice of the election; and providing an effective date.

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That a general election is ordered to be held in the city of Dallas on Saturday, May 1, 2021, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing 14 members to the city council of the city of Dallas to be designated as Member of Council, Place 1; Member of Council, Place 2; Member of Council, Place 3; Member of Council, Place 4; Member of Council, Place 5; Member of Council, Place 6; Member of Council, Place 7; Member of Council, Place 8; Member of Council, Place 9; Member of Council, Place 10; Member of Council, Place 11; Member of Council, Place 12; Member of Council, Place 13; and Member of Council, Place 14. Places 1 through 14 on the city council correspond to those districts as designated on the districting plan adopted by Resolution No. 11-2706 on October 5, 2011.

SECTION 2. Each candidate for Member of Council, Place 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, or 14, shall have resided in District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, or 14, respectively, for a period of at least six months prior to the date of the election and satisfy any other requirement provided by law.

SECTION 3. That the 14 persons elected as Members of Council, Places 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, will comprise the district seats on the city council of the city of Dallas when elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. That electronic and computerized voting systems must be used for voting on the general election date in compliance with the Texas Election Code, as amended.

SECTION 5. That the manner of conducting the general election must be in accordance with the ordinances and charter of the city of Dallas and the laws of the State of Texas applicable to general elections. The official ballots, together with other election materials required by the Texas Election Code, as amended, must be printed in both English and Spanish and contain all provisions, markings, and language, as may be required by law.

SECTION 6. That the boundaries of the election precincts in which the election is to be held are defined by Ordinance No. 20231, as amended by Ordinance Nos. 20741, 21350, 21579, 22343, 22693, 23348, 24800, 25696, 27484, 28147, 28937, and 29375. Locations of the polling places in the respective election precincts are as designated in **Exhibit A**, attached to this ordinance, but which locations may be changed by Dallas County, and which changes, if any, are hereby made part of this ordinance by reference and can be found by visiting the Dallas County webpage: <<http://www.dallascountyvotes.org/election-day-information/>> or by contacting:

Dallas County Elections Department  
1520 Round Table Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75247  
Tel: (214) 819-6389

SECTION 7. That each voter must vote in the precinct in which the voter resides, and only resident qualified voters are entitled to vote.

SECTION 8. That a person qualified to vote and residing in the city of Dallas, but not within any precinct described in Ordinance No. 20231, as amended by Ordinance Nos. 20741, 21350, 21579, 22343, 22693, 23348, 24800, 25696, 27484, 28147, 28937, and 29375, may vote

in the precinct nearest the person's residence, and for that purpose the person's residence will be considered as part of that city election precinct. A person who has registered in a city election precinct, but whose residence is not in the city of Dallas, is not entitled to vote in the election even though the person may own property subject to taxation in the city.

SECTION 9. That early voting personal appearance will be by the use of an electronic voting system in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended. Early voting by mail will be by the use of a computerized voting system in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended. Early voting will be conducted at the locations and during the dates and times established by Dallas County, Texas, as reflected in **Exhibit B**, attached to this ordinance, but which locations may be changed by Dallas County, and which changes, if any, are hereby made part of this ordinance by reference and can be found by visiting the Dallas County webpage: <<http://www.dallascountyvotes.org/early-voting-information/>> or by contacting:

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SECTION 10. That applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail must be mailed to the following:

- For Dallas County: Early Voting Clerk  
Dallas County Elections Department  
1520 Round Table Drive  
Dallas, TX 75247
- For Denton County: Early Voting Clerk  
Denton County Elections Administration Office  
P.O. Box 1720  
Denton, Texas 76202
- For Collin County: Early Voting  
Collin County Elections Administration Office  
2010 Redbud Boulevard, Suite 102  
McKinney, Texas 75069

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

SECTION 11. That applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail may, pursuant to Section 84.007 of the Texas Election Code, be sent to the following email addresses:

- For Dallas County: [evapplications@dallascounty.org](mailto:evapplications@dallascounty.org)
- For Denton County: [elections@dentoncounty.gov](mailto:elections@dentoncounty.gov)
- For Collin County: [absenteemailballoting@collincountytx.gov](mailto:absenteemailballoting@collincountytx.gov)

SECTION 12. That the early voting ballots will be processed by an early voting ballot board to be created in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended.

SECTION 13. That the mayor or, in the mayor's absence or inability to act, the mayor pro tem, shall give notice of the general election by causing the notice to be published in a newspaper within the city and posted on the city's public meeting bulletin board in accordance with applicable state law.

SECTION 14. That this ordinance will take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Dallas City Charter, and it is accordingly so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CHRISTOPHER J. CASO, City Attorney

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant City Attorney

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