

ORDINANCE NO. 577-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANSOM PARK, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION AND A SPECIAL ELECTION ON A REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE STREET MAINTENANCE SALES TAX FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR (4) YEARS TO BE HELD ON MAY 1, 2021; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY SECRETARY TO SIGN A JOINT AGREEMENT CONTRACT WITH TARRANT COUNTY; AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Sansom Park, Texas, is a general law type A city, pursuant to the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the general election for City Council members of the City of Sansom Park is required to be held on May 1, 2021, at which time the voters will elect persons to fill the offices of City Council Place 3, City Council Place 4, and City Council Place 5; and a special election calling a referendum to determine the desire to reauthorize the street maintenance sales tax for a period of four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, the elections will be held as a joint election with Tarrant County, conducted under the authority of Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City Council to designate a polling place for the elections, to appoint the necessary election officers to establish and set forth procedures for conducting the elections, and authorizes the City Secretary to execute a joint agreement contract with Tarrant County for conducting the elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANSOM PARK, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 2. General Election Called. An election is hereby called to elect for the offices of City Council Place 3, City Council Place 4, and City Council Place 5 to serve a two (2) year term from May, 2021 until May of 2023 or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The election shall be held on May 1, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at locations set forth in the Agreement.

Special Election Called. An election is hereby called on a referendum to determine whether the citizens of Sansom Park, Texas desire to reauthorize the street maintenance sales tax for a period of four (4) years which will currently expire in March 31, 2022. The election shall be held on May 1, 2021 to coincide with the General Elections held on May 1, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at locations set forth in the Agreement.

Section 3. Joint Agreement Contract Approved. The Joint Agreement Contract for Tarrant County and the City of Sansom Park (the "Agreement") will be incorporated herein for all purposes is hereby approved and the City Secretary is authorized to execute the Agreement. In the event of conflict between this Ordinance and the Agreement, the Agreement shall control.

Section 4. Application for Place on Ballot. Qualified persons may file as candidates for the general election by filing applications in the office of the City Secretary on Monday- Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., from January 13, 2021 through February 12, 2021.

Section 5. Early Voting.

a. Early voting by personal appearance. Early voting by personal appearance shall commence April 19, 2021 and shall continue until April 27, 2021 at the location and times of the Main Early Voting site is at Tarrant County Elections, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas; however the final location and times will be designated in the Agreement. On at least two days during the early voting period, the location for early voting shall be open for at least twelve (12) hours.

b. Early voting by mail. Heider Garcia, the Tarrant County Election Administrator ("Elections Administrator") is hereby designated as Early Voting Clerk for the general election. Applications for early voting by mail may be delivered to the Elections Administrator at the following address: Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 961011, Fort Worth, Texas 76161-0011, not earlier than March 22, 2017 and not later than close of business on April 20, 2021. Early voting by ballots shall be mailed to the Elections Administrator at the same address. An email transmission of a completed, scanned application ballot by mail containing an original signature can be emailed to: votebymail@tarrantcounty.com

c. Early voting by Ballot Board. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail shall be canvassed by the Early Voting Ballot Board which is hereby created. The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Election Judge, appointed herein, shall serve as the presiding officer and alternate presiding officer, respectively, of the Early Voting Ballot Board. The other election officers serving at the election shall serve as the other members of the Early Voting Ballot Board.

Section 6. Appointment of Election Judge and Alternate Election Judge. The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge shall be appointed by Tarrant County as authorized by Chapter 271 of the Code.

Section 7. Method of Voting. The Hart InterCivic Verity, version 2.3.1 voting system shall be used for absentee voting by mail, early voting by personal appearance and voting on Election Day. The City Council hereby adopts the Hart InterCivic Verity, version 2.3.1 for Election Day and the Hart InterCivic Verity, version 2.3.1 for early voting and Election Day. The voting systems are being provided by Tarrant County under the terms of the agreement. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials therefore, and the employment of all election officials are hereby authorized, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

Section 8. Governing Law and Qualified Voters. The election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Texas Election Code, and all resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at the election.

Section 9. Publication and Posting of Notice of Election. Notice of the election shall be given as required by the Texas Election Code.

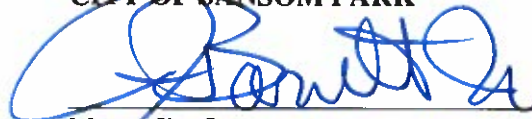
Section 10. Delivery of Returns. Immediately after the closing of the polls on the day of the election, the election officers named in this ordinance shall make and deliver the returns of the election in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

Section 11. Necessary Actions. The Mayor and the City Secretary of the City, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 12. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of February, 2021

CITY OF SANSOM PARK



Mayor Jim Barnett, Jr.

ATTEST:



Wendy Blocker
City Secretary



APPROVED TO FORM:



Will Pruitt
City Attorney