

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 1, 2021, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO (2) ALDERMEN AND PROVIDING DETAILS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS:

Section 1. In accordance with the general laws and the Constitution of the State of Texas, a General Municipal Election is hereby called and ordered for the first (1st) Saturday in May, 2021, the same being the 1st day of said month, at which election all qualified voters of the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas (the "City") may vote for the purpose of electing the following officials of the City:

Mayor
Alderman, At Large
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Section 2. No person's name shall be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate for any of the above-mentioned positions unless such person has filed his or her sworn application, as provided by Section 141.031 of the Texas Election Code, with the City Secretary of the City at the City Offices, located at 16628 San Luis Pass, Jamaica Beach, Texas 77554, not later than 5:00 p.m. on the 78th day before the date of such election (February 12, 2021). The City Secretary shall note on the face of each such application the date and time of its filing. Such application shall include the office the candidate is seeking and, if applicable, the position number of such position.

Section 3. The order in which the names of the candidates are to be placed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing by the City Secretary, as provided by Section 52.094, Texas Election Code. The City Secretary shall post a notice in her office of the date, hour, and place of drawing. Such notice shall remain posted continuously for 72 hours immediately preceding the scheduled drawing and personal notice shall also be given to any candidate who makes a written request for such notice and furnishes to the City Secretary a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Each candidate involved in the drawing, or a representative designated by him, shall have a right to be present and observe the drawing.

Section 4. All residents, qualified electors of the City shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 5. The City, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Code, will conduct a joint election with other political subdivisions within Galveston County and contract with Galveston County for election services. This joint election shall be conducted pursuant to the terms of the Contract for Election Services (the "Election Contract") between Galveston County, Texas, and the City.

Section 6. The voting locations for voting on Election Day shall be the Galveston County county-wide vote center polling locations as set forth in Exhibit A, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the Galveston County Clerk (the "County Clerk") in accordance with the Contract for Election Services. The City Secretary is hereby authorized to update Exhibit A to reflect the final locations designated by the County Clerk, which locations are hereby adopted and approved. Each polling place shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Section 7. Dwight D. Sullivan, the Galveston County Clerk is appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for the Election. Applications for ballot by mail shall be submitted as follows: Dwight D. Sullivan; Early Voting Clerk; County of Galveston; P.O. Box 17253; Galveston, TX 77552-7253. If mailing by common contract carrier, applications for ballot by mail should be submitted to: Dwight D. Sullivan, Galveston County Clerk; 600 59th Street, Suite 2001; Galveston, Texas 77551-4180. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 20, 2021.

The early voting polling places shall be as designated in Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes. Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days set forth in Exhibit B, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the County Clerk as provided in the Contract for Election Services. The City Secretary or designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit B to reflect the final locations designated by the County Clerk, and such locations are hereby approved.

Section 8. The election judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, the central counting station officials, and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election shall be appointed, election judges and alternate judges may be changed, polling places may be combined for some precincts, and the central counting station shall be established and staffed by Galveston County as provided in the Election Services Agreement and such actions are hereby approved. Further, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Secretary to appoint any such other officials not designated herein or appointed pursuant to the Contract for Election Services as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Code. The central counting stations to receive and tabulate votes shall be at the locations designated by Galveston County.


Section 9. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in each of the positions to be filled at such election shall be declared elected to such positions.

Section 10. Notice of this election shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and returns of such notice shall be made as provided for in said Code. The mayor shall issue all necessary orders and writs for such election and returns of such election shall be made to the City Secretary immediately after closing of the polls.

Section 11. Said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this, the 18th day of January, 2021.


Steve Spicer, Mayor


Crystal R. Dozier, TRMC
City Secretary

