

**CITY OF OVILLA
ORDINANCE NO. 021224-A**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVILLA, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS, (PLACES 1, 3 & 5) FOR EXPIRED TERMS BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF OVILLA; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, by this Ordinance, it is the intention of the City Council of Ovilla to call the General Election in accordance with state law, to declare the Texas Election Code is applicable to said election, and this Ordinance establishes procedures consistent with the Code, and designates the Election Day and main early voting polling place for the General Election; and

WHEREAS, May 4, 2024, is a uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, the City Council calls to Order the General Election of May 04, 2024, to elect Place One, Place Three, and Place Five of the City Council as required by the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the Order of Election must be written in English and Spanish as required by the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the City has authority, pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Texas Elections Code, to enter into an election services agreement with the Ellis County Election Officer to furnish election services to the City and its citizens.

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

**SECTION 1.
GENERAL ELECTION CALLED.**

That a General Election is hereby called by the City Council to elect the following:

City Council Places 1, 3, and 5, to serve a two (2)-year term each, until May 2026 or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Such election shall take place on the 4th day of May 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 2.
CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL ELECTION.

Qualified persons may file as candidates for the General Election by filing an application with the City Secretary at City Hall, 105 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Ovilla, TX 75154, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, which began January 17, 2024, and will continue through February 16, 2024. The City Secretary's office will remain open on February 16, 2024, until 5:00 p.m. as required by the TX Election Code. All applications for candidacy shall be on a form as prescribed by the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 3.
BALLOT

The official ballot for the election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code to permit the electors to vote for each position.

SECTION 4.
POLLING PLACES

Voting shall be conducted on Election Day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Ovilla City Hall, Council Chamber Room, 105 S. Cockrell Hill Rd., Ovilla, TX 75154.

SECTION 5.
CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES

Chapter 31 of the Texas Elections Code authorizes county election officers to contract with the governing body of a political subdivision to perform certain election services. Pursuant to such authority, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the *May 4, 2024, Joint Election Contract for Election Services* between the Elections Administrator of Ellis County and the City of Ovilla, Texas, which shall be approved by separate action of the City Council.

SECTION 6.
GOVERNING LAW AND QUALIFIED VOTERS

The election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Code, and all resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at the election.

SECTION 7.
PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice of the election shall be given by posting a substantial copy of this Ordinance ordering an election in English and Spanish translations at City Hall on the official bulletin board used for posting notices of the meeting of the City Council. A copy of this Ordinance's caption shall also be published in English and in Spanish in the City's official newspaper of general circulation published in the City.

**SECTION 8.
EARLY VOTING**

The City Council hereby appoints Jana Onyon, Elections Administrator of Ellis County, as the Early Voting Clerk. Dates and times of early voting by personal appearance are as follows:

Monday, April 22, 2024 through Friday, April 26, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 27, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday, April 29, 2024 through Tuesday, April 30, 2024	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Early Voting Locations will be:

1. Elections Office (Main Location), 407 W. Jefferson Street, Waxahachie, TX 75165
2. Midlothian Conference Center, 1 Community Circle Drive, Midlothian, TX 76065
3. Palmer ISD Annex Building, 303 Bulldog Way, Palmer, TX 75152
4. Ellis County Sub-Courthouse, 207 S. Sonoma Trail, Ennis, TX 75119
5. Red Oak Municipal Center, 200 Lakeview Pkwy, Red Oak, TX 75154

**SECTION 9.
SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**SECTION 10.
EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, and it is so ordained.

The *Order of Election* shall be posted to read as shown on Exhibit "A" attached:

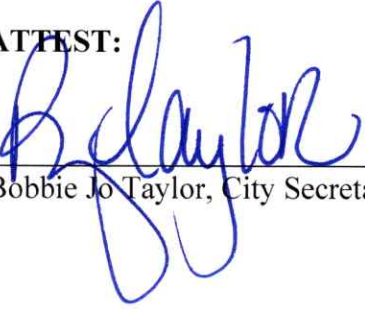
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12TH day of February 2024.

CITY OF OVILLA

By: _____

Richard Dormier, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bobbie Jo Taylor, City Secretary

