

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

ORDINANCE No. 2019-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, CALLING THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR OFFICERS TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID MUNICIPALITY ON MAY 4, 2019, AND MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the regular municipal election day for the City of Dripping Springs, Texas (“City”), is the uniform election day occurring the first Saturday in May 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the terms for Place 1, Place 3 and Place 5 are scheduled to expire at the next uniform election date.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, THAT:

1. ELECTION

- A.** An Election (the “Election”) is hereby ordered to elect municipal officers for City Council Place 1, Place 3 and Place 5.
- B.** The Election shall be held on the next uniform election date of May 4, 2019.
- C.** The hours during which the polling place is to be open at the Election shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- D.** Said Election date is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this Ordinance (the “Order”). The Election shall be solely in the territorial boundaries of the City. All resident, qualified voters of Dripping Springs shall be entitled to vote.

2. POSITIONS

At such Election, candidates for the following Places shall be submitted:

Place 1 – Council Member
Place 3 – Council Member
Place 5 – Council Member

3. BALLOTS

Ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code, so as to permit the electors to vote for the candidate(s) of their choice.

4. CONDUCT OF ELECTION

The Election shall be conducted by election officers appointed by the City Council in accordance with the Texas Election Code, the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

5. APPOINTMENTS

- A. The City Council hereby appoints the Hays County Elections Administrator as the election officer for the sole purpose of conducting the Election, early voting related thereto, tabulation of votes and the custody of any records from such election. This appointment includes services as the Early Voting Clerk for the Election, except for the receipt of applications and ballots for early voting by mail, provision for which is specifically made in Section 8, below.
- B. The City Council hereby designates to the Hays County Election Administrator the appointment of the Election Judge and Alternate Election Judge. The Mayor is authorized to appoint alternates, if necessary.
- C. The rate of pay for each Election Judge and Clerk shall be in accordance with state law.

6. PRECINCTS & POLLING PLACES

- A. The territorial boundaries of the City of Dripping Springs are hereby designated as the voting precinct for this Election.
- B. The main polling place location shall be:

Hays County Precinct No. 4
195 Roger Hanks Parkway
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Sunset Canyon Baptist Church
4000 E. Hwy 290
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

7. INFORMATION IN SPANISH

Notices, instructions, ballots and other written material pertaining to the Election shall be translated into the Spanish language. This material shall be furnished to voters in both English and Spanish in order to enable voters to properly participate in the election process. In addition, the City shall provide the services of a translator speaking both English and Spanish languages to voters who notify the City of the need for such services.

8. EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

- A. The City Secretary shall serve as Early Voting Clerk solely for the purpose of receiving ballot applications for ballots to be voted by mail. Ballot applications submitted by mail shall be addressed to the following address:

City of Dripping Springs
Attn: Early Voting Clerk, City Secretary
PO Box 384
Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

- B. The City Secretary for Dripping Springs shall collect all applications for ballots received by the City at the above address during the period allowed by the Texas Election Code and deliver to the Hays County Elections Administrator.

9. EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE

- A. The Hays County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Early Voting Clerk for all other purposes. The Early Voting Clerk shall have the authority to designate such Deputy Early Voting Clerks as may be necessary to staff the Early Voting Polling Place established under this order.

- B. The Early Voting polling places shall be:

Hays County Precinct No. 4
195 Roger Hanks Parkway
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Sunset Canyon Baptist Church
4000 E. Hwy 290
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

- C. Early Voting dates and times shall be scheduled as follows, and as established by the Election Code:

Monday, April 22 nd	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 23 rd	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24 th	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 25 th	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday, April 26 th	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 27 th	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, April 29 th	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30th

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

10. CANVASSING OF RETURNS

The Hays County Elections Administrator shall make a written return of the Election results to the City Council in accordance with the Texas Elections Code. The City Council shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the Election in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

11. NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice of Election shall be published one time in both the English and Spanish languages, in a newspaper published within the Dripping Springs' territory at least ten (10) days and no than thirty (30) days before the Election and as otherwise may be required by the Texas Election Code. Notice of the Election shall also be posted on the bulletin board used by the City Council to post notices of its City Council meetings no later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the Election.

12. AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE

The Mayor of the City of Dripping Springs is authorized to execute, and the City Secretary is authorized to attest this Ordinance on behalf of the City Council. The Mayor is further authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the ordering, holding and consummation of the Election.

13. EFFECTIVE DATE

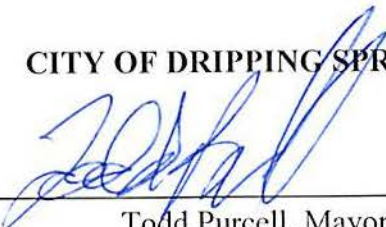
This Ordinance is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

14. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING

A quorum of the City Council was present at the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted. The meeting was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

PASSED & APPROVED this, the 12th day of February 2018, by a vote of 5 (ayes) to 0 (nays) to 0 (abstentions) of the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas.

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:



Todd Purcell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham
Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary



