

ORDINANCE NO. 20210209-005

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON MAY 1, 2021, TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS A COUNCIL-INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO ALLOW CITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FOR A DIRECTOR OF POLICE OVERSIGHT WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED AND REMOVED AS PROVIDED BY FUTURE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION, INCLUDING AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. A charter amendment election shall be held in the City on May 1, 2021, at which the ballot shall be prepared to permit voting “Yes” or “No” on the following proposition:

Proposition C: Shall the city charter be amended to allow for a Director of Police Oversight to be appointed or removed in a manner established by City Council ordinance, with duties that include the responsibility to ensure transparency and accountability as it relates to policing?

PART 2 – If Proposition C is approved by the majority of voters voting at the election, Article V (*Administrative Organization*) of the City Charter is amended to add Section 7, to read as follows:

ARTICLE V. – ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION.

§ 7. – Director of Police Oversight.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, the city council may provide for a director of police oversight who shall be appointed and may be removed as provided by ordinance. The director shall have such duties, responsibilities, and staff as provided by ordinance, including the responsibility to ensure transparency and accountability as it relates to policing.

PART 3. The election shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The location of the main early voting polling place, the dates and hours for

early voting, and the early voting clerk's official mailing address are provided in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance.

PART 4. A direct electronic recording voting system, as the term is defined in Title 8 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for early voting and for voting conducted on election day. The central counting station is established at the Travis County Elections Division, 5501 Airport Boulevard, Austin, Texas.

PART 5. Notice of this election shall be posted and published in accordance with state law. The notice shall be posted, in both English and Spanish, in the office of the City Clerk and at the City Hall notice kiosk not later than the 21st day before election day. Notice of this election shall be published one time, in English and Spanish, not earlier than the 30th day before the date of the election or later than the 10th day before the date of the election, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Austin.

PART 6. In accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, the May 1, 2021 special municipal election may be held jointly with the various political subdivisions that share territory with the City of Austin and that are holding elections on that day. The City Clerk may enter and sign joint election agreements with other political subdivisions for this purpose, and their terms as stated in the agreements are hereby adopted.

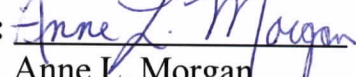
PART 7. The Council finds that the need to immediately begin required preparations for this election constitutes an emergency. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

February 9, 2021

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Steve Adler
Mayor

APPROVED: 
Anne L. Morgan
City Attorney *b427*

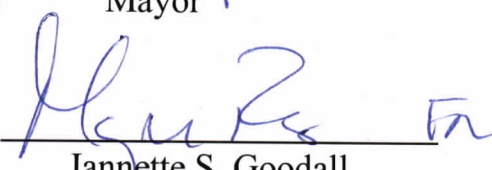
ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Main Early Voting Locations

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Main Early Voting Locations, Early Voting Dates, and Early Voting Clerk Mailing Address May 1, 2021

Main Early Voting Locations:

Travis County: City of Austin Planning and Development Center, 6310
Wilhelmina Dr., Austin TX

Hays County: Government Center Conference Room, 712 S. Stagecoach Trail, San
Marcos, TX

Williamson County: Williamson County Inner Loop Annex, 301 SE Inner Loop,
Suite 104, Georgetown, TX

Early Voting Dates:

Monday, April 19, 2021 – Tuesday, April 27, 2021; times vary

Designated 12-Hour Days of Early Voting:

Travis County – every Early Voting Day except Sunday, April 25, 2021

Hays County – Monday, April 19, 2021 and Monday, April 26, 2021

Williamson County – Monday, April 26, 2021 and Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Early Voting Clerk Mailing Addresses:

Ballots by Mail – Travis County

By Mail voters: P.O. 149325, Austin, Texas 78714-9325

By Contract Carriers/ Fedex: 5501 Airport Blvd., Austin, Texas 78751

Ballots by Mail - Hays County

By Mail Voters: P.O. Box 907, San Marcos, TX 78666

Ballots by Mail – Williamson County

By Mail voters: P.O Box 209, Georgetown, TX 78627

ADJUNTO A

Sitios Principales de la Votación Adelantada, Fechas de la Votación Adelantada, y Dirección Postal de la Secretaria de la Votación Adelantada 1 de Mayo, 2021

Sitios Principales de la Votacion Adelantada:

Condado de Travis: City of Austin Planning and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Dr., Austin, TX

Condado de Hays: Government Center Conference Room, 712 S. Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, TX

Condado de Williamson: Williamson County Inner Loop Annex, 301 SE Inner Loop, Suite 104, Georgetown, TX

Fechas de la votación Adelantada:

Martes, 19 de abril, 2021 – Viernes, 27 de abril, 2021; las horas varían

Días designados de 12 horas de votación anticipada:

Condado de Travis: todos los días de votación anticipada excepto el domingo 25 de abril de 2021

Condado de Hays: Lunes 19 de abril de 2021 y lunes 26 de abril de 2021

Condado de Williamson: Lunes 26 de abril de 2021 y martes 27 de abril de 2021

Direcciones Postales de la Secretaria de la Votación Adelantada

Para Boletas por Correo-Condado de Travis

Enviadas por correo por los votantes: P.O. 149325, Austin, Texas 78714-9325

Enviadas usando transportista contratado/ Fedex: 5501 Airport Blvd., Austin, Texas 78751

Para Boletas por Correo – Condado de Hays

Enviadas por correo por los votantes: P.O. Box 907, San Marcos, TX 78666

Para Boletas por Correo – Condado de Williamson

Enviadas por correo por los votantes: P.O Box 209, Georgetown, TX 78627