

ORDINANCE NO. 2369

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025, TO ELECT A MAYOR AND TWO AT LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS; CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025, TO APPEAR ON THE SAME BALLOT AS THE GENERAL ELECTION, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERMS FOR SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS TWO AND FOUR; AND TO VOTE ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING AND NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS:**

Section 1. That section 3.004 of the Texas Election Code, requires the governing body of a political subdivision to order an election for election of officers, and section 41.001 requires that the election be held on a uniform election day. Section 2.01 of the Sugar Land City Charter requires City elections be held on the May uniform election date. Therefore, the Sugar Land General Election is to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two council members to at-large Positions 1 and 2.

Section 2. That a Sugar Land Special Election is to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing two council members to unexpired terms for single member districts two and four.

Section 3. That at the Special Election, voters will be asked to vote on the following amendment to the City Charter:

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT
(Municipal Court)**

Article IV (Administrative Offices and Departments) is amended by revising Section 4.06(b) (Municipal Court) to read as follows:

Sec. 4.06 – Municipal Court

(b)The city council shall appoint a municipal court judge and one or more associate judges to serve when the presiding judge is unavailable or unable to serve. The presiding and associate judges shall serve ~~two (2)~~ four (4) year terms but may be dismissed by the city council at any time, with or without cause. The judge and associate judges shall be licensed to practice law in this State.

Section 4. That the ballot for the election on the proposed Charter amendment shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 52 of the Election Code, as amended. The proposition

on the ballot corresponding to the proposed Charter amendment set forth in Section 3 above, shall be printed on the ballot after the listing of officers to be elected permitting voters to vote “Yes” or “No” on the proposition as follows:

SUGAR LAND PROPOSITION A

Shall Section 4.06(b) of the City Charter be amended to extend the terms of the municipal court and associate judges from 2 years to 4 years?

Section 5. Election Precincts, Voting Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day. The voting location for voting on Election Day for each city election precinct shall be as set forth in the Notice of Election published in the Fort Bend Independent no later than April 23, 2025 and incorporate therein Countywide Election Day Centers, or at other such locations as may be designated by the County Elections Administrator. On Election Day the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 6. Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times. Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days as hereafter may be designated by the County Elections Administrator.

The County Elections Administrator, John Oldham, is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk. Applications for ballots to be voted by mail can be obtained at:

Fort Bend County Elections Physical address and Main Early Voting Place:

3730 Bamore Road,
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Mailing address: 301 Jackson St.
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Phone number: (281) 341-8670

Email address: vote@fortbendcountytexas.gov

Internet website: www.FortBendVotes.org

Section 7. Joint Election. That John Oldham, Elections Administrator of Fort Bend County, Texas, will act as Contracting Officer and will appoint election judges, alternate judges and clerks as described in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between County of Fort Bend, City of Sugar Land, and other Political Subdivisions.

Section 8. Appointment of Election Officers. Prior to Election Day, the election judges, alternate judges, clerks and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election will be appointed by the County Elections Administrator, and the election judges and alternate judges may be changed and the polling places may be combined for some precincts, pursuant to decisions of the County Elections Administrator. The County Elections Administrator shall be responsible for establishing the central counting station for the ballots cast in such election and appointing the

personnel necessary for such station. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to appoint any such other officials not designated herein or appointed by the County Elections Administrator as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Election Code.

Section 9. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election, in English and Spanish, stating in substance the contents of this Ordinance, shall be (i) published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the City territory, with the first publication to be not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day or later than the fourteenth (14th) day before the Election; (ii) posted on the bulletin board used by the City Council to post notices of meetings no later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the date of the Election; and (iii) posted, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the date of the Election, in three (3) public places within the City and at City Hall.

Section 10. Conduct of Election. Said Election shall be held in accordance with the Election Code as amended, including Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

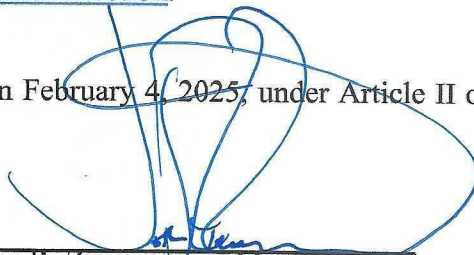
Section 11. Voting System. Voting at the election, including early voting, will be by use of the County electronic voting system that has been approved by the Secretary of State.

Section 12. Canvass. The official canvass will be conducted by the City Council at a City Council Meeting between May 6, 2025 and May 14, 2025. Under Article II Sec 2.01 (d) of the City Charter, the persons elected shall take the oath of office and begin their duties at the meeting at which the City Council declares the results of the election.

Section 13. Run-off Election. If needed, a run-off election will be held on June 7, 2025.

Section 14. Authority Conducting the Election. The City of Sugar Land is the authority conducting the called election referenced in this ordinance. The website pertinent to said election is: <https://www.sugarlandtx.gov/148/May-3-2025-General-Election>.

ADOPTED on first and final consideration on February 4, 2025, under Article II of the City Charter.



Joe R. Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: