

ORDINANCE NO. 893

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OYSTER CREEK, TEXAS, CALLING FOR THE **2024** ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THIS CITY; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS; PROVIDING FOR OFFICERS OF SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; CALLING FOR A JOINT ELECTION; AUTHORIZING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SHARING OF EXPENSES OF THE JOINT ELECTION; AND PROVIDING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OYSTER CREEK, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE - Annual General Election Called.

A general election shall be held in and throughout the City of Oyster Creek, Texas (“the City”) on the **first** Saturday in **May, 2024**, which is the **4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024**, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing, for a two year term, persons to the following named offices of the City, to-wit:

**Alderman Position 3;**  
**Alderman Position 4; and**  
**Alderman Position 5.**

SECTION TWO - Municipal Election Precinct and Polling Place.

For the purpose of the election called and ordained by this ordinance, the polling places for the City shall be all of the county-wide vote centers listed on the attachment to the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with the Brazoria County Clerk for this election.

SECTION THREE - Electors.

Every person eligible to vote under the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 2 of the Texas Election Code who is a resident of the City, and who is duly registered to vote in this election shall be entitled to vote in this election.

SECTION FOUR-Officers of Election and Compensation Thereof.

The appointments, compensation, and duties of all election officers and personnel shall be as provided in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with the Brazoria County Clerk for this election.

SECTION FIVE - Early Voting.

a. The Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized to conduct early voting by personal appearance beginning on the **twelfth (12th)** day preceding and ending on the **fourth (4<sup>th</sup>)** day preceding the day hereinabove specified for said Election, being **Monday, April 22, 2024**, through **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**, respectively, said early voting by personal appearance to be conducted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on every day except Saturday, Sunday and State legal holidays. In addition, early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted between the hours of **7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2024**. In addition, early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted for twelve hours on each of two weekdays, as follows: from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2024**, and **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**.

b. The main early voting place is:

East Annex (Old Walmart)  
1524 E. Mulberry #144, Angleton

c. The locations for early voting by personal appearance are as follows:

Alvin Branch Location: Alvin Library  
105 S. Gordon, Alvin

Angleton Main Location: East Annex  
(Old WalMart Building)  
1524 E. Mulberry  
Angleton

Brazoria Branch Location:	Brazoria Library 620 S. Brooks, Brazoria
Freeport Branch Location:	Freeport Library 410 Brazosport Blvd., Freeport
Lake Jackson Branch Location:	Doris Williams Civic Center 333 Hwy. 332 East, Lake Jackson
Manvel Branch Location:	Manvel Annex 7313 Corporate Dr., Manvel
Pearland Branch Location:	Tom Reid Library 3522 Liberty Dr., Pearland
Pearland Branch Location:	West Pearland Community Center 2150 Country Place Pkwy., Pearland
Pearland Branch Location:	West Pearland Library 11801 Shadow Creek Pkwy., Pearland
Sweeny Location:	Sweeny Community Center 205 W. Ashley Wilson Rd., Sweeny
West Columbia Branch Location:	Precinct 4 Building 2 121 N. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street, West Columbia

d. Early voting by mail shall be as provided by applicable law. The mailing address of the **Early Voting Clerk is Joyce Hudman, County Clerk, 111 East Locust, Suite 200, Angleton, Texas 77515.** The email address of the **Early Voting Clerk is [ABBM@brazoriacountytx.gov](mailto:ABBM@brazoriacountytx.gov).**

SECTION SIX - Method of Voting and Conducting Election.

All early voting by personal appearance and all voting on the day named above for the holding of said general annual election shall be by means of whatever type of voting machine or electronic voting system is available from the voting machine department of Brazoria County,

Texas. The manner of holding said election will be governed by the laws of the State of Texas governing general elections and as provided in this ordinance.

SECTION SEVEN - Notice of Election.

a. The Mayor shall cause notice of said election to be posted for at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date named above for the holding of said general annual election (1) on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the City Council and (2) on the internet website of the City.

b. The Mayor shall also cause notice of said election to be published in The Facts, a newspaper published in the City of Clute, in Brazoria County, Texas, having a general circulation within the corporate limits of the City of Oyster Creek, not earlier than thirty (30) days and not later than ten (10) days before the date named above for the holding of said general annual election.

SECTION EIGHT – Order for Election.

This ordinance constitutes an order for this election, in compliance with the Texas Election Code. In addition, the City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and City Secretary to execute and attest, respectively, an order for this election summarizing the information herein.

SECTION NINE – Amended Election Information.

If the Brazoria County Clerk, the Governor of Texas, or any other lawful authority changes the voting locations or any other election information herein stated, then this ordinance shall be automatically amended to conform to those amendments, and the City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and City Secretary to execute and attest, respectively, an amended order for this election summarizing the information herein with those amendments.

SECTION TEN - Call for Joint Election.

a. This election shall be held jointly with Brazoria County and any other participating entities, pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code.

b. The Mayor and City Secretary are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the City and the Brazoria County Clerk for this election.

c. Costs of this election shall be shared as provided in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with the Brazoria County Clerk for this election.

SECTION ELEVEN - Ratification and Confirmation by Mayor

By signing this ordinance, the undersigned Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem of the City hereby ratifies and confirms as his action all matters herein contained which by law come within his jurisdiction.

SECTION TWELVE - Severance Clause

If any part of this order or ordinance, of whatever size, is ever declared invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION THIRTEEN - Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

READ, PASSED, and APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

  
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JUSTIN MARK MILLS, MAYOR  
CITY OF OYSTER CREEK, TEXAS

ATTEST:

  
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ANDI FORD, CITY SECRETARY  
CITY OF OYSTER CREEK, TEXAS

