ORDINANCE NO. 20250210

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAINGERFIELD, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF DAINGERFIELD, TEXAS, ON THE UNIFORM ELECTION DATE OF MAY 3, 2025, FOR THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF DAINGERFIELD, TEXAS, TO ELECT THREE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR A FULL TERM; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION PRECINCT AND POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE AND OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSES

WHEREAS, May 3, 2025, is the Uniform Election Date (also referred to herein as "Election Day") upon which the City Council for the City of Daingerfield, Texas (the "City") is authorized by law to conduct a municipal election;

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, the City Council for the City, by the adoption of this Ordinance, intends to order a municipal election to take place on the May 3, 2025, Uniform Election Date for the qualified voters of the City to elect the following officials for the following offices of the City to serve a full term under the laws of the State of Texas and the City Charter:

- One (1) Council Member, At Large; and
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WHEREAS, the Texas Election Code (the "Code") is applicable to said election and this Ordinance establishes procedures consistent with the Code, and designates the voting place for the election;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Daingerfield intends, and by adoption of this Ordinance, the City Council of the City of Daingerfield calls and orders a general election to be conducted and held on May 3, 2025, general Uniform Election Date for voters to elect three (3) City Council members for a full term to the City of Daingerfield City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAINGERFIELD, TEXAS:

- **Section 1.** Findings of Fact. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble of this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and that they are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.
- Section 2. Order of General Election. The City Council for the City orders that the General Municipal Election of the City shall be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025 Uniform Election Date to elect the following officials for the following offices of the City of Daingerfield:

- One (1) Council Member, At Large; and
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Candidates for the above offices shall file their application for a place on the ballot with the City Secretary of the City, at 101 Linda Drive, Daingerfield, Texas 75638 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., no later than February 14, 2025, excluding weekends and holidays. All applications for candidacy shall be on a form as prescribed by the Texas Election Code. The order in which the names of the candidates for each office are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing conducted by the City Secretary.

- **Section 3.** Ballots. The ballots used for the general election shall comply with the Texas Election Code and shall be in the form provided by the City for use on the respective voting devices used by the City.
- **Section 4.** Printed Materials. The official ballots, together with such other election materials as required by the Texas Election Code, as amended, shall be printed in both the English and Spanish languages and shall contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law.
- Section 5. Notice of Election. Notice of the election shall be given in the manner as provided in the Texas Election Code and the City Charter. The notice of election shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the governing body at City Hall and at other locations requiredby state law not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the election, and by publishing said notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation, not earlier than thirty (30) days nor later than ten (10) days prior to said election. The City Secretary is authorized and shall give all notices required for the election.
- Section 6. <u>Conduct of Election</u>. The City Secretary and his/her designees and appointees, and the election judges, alternate judges and clerks properly appointed for the election, shall hold and conduct the election for the City. The election shall be held and conducted in compliance with the City Charter and state law.
- Section 7. <u>Election Precincts and Election Day Polling Places.</u> The City has one (1) election precinct and said election shall be at the following place in said City:

J. D. Parrish Administration Building, 200 Tiger Drive Daingerfield, Texas.

- Section 8. <u>Designation of Polling Place(s)</u>. The polls at the designated polling place(s) shall on said Election Day to be opened from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the J. D. Parrish Administration Building, 200 Tiger Dr., Daingerfield, Texas. The City Secretary shall tabulate and provide the election returns for votes cast for the propositions presented to the voters to amend the City Charter.
- Section 9. Early Voting. (a) Early voting by personal appearance shall commence on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, and continue through Tuesday, April 29, 2025, and early voting polls shall remain open for the time specified by the Texas Election Code and the respective Elections

Administrator.

- (b) The period to apply for a ballot by mail is January 1, 2025, through April 22, 2025. An application for ballot by mail (ABBM) must be received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the close of business on April 22, 2025.
- (c) The period to apply for a federal postcard application (FPCA) is January 1, 2025, through April 22, 2025. An FPCA must be received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the close of business on April 22, 2025.

(d) <u>Early Voting Conducted by the City</u>:

- 1. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail will be conducted by the City Secretary in accordance with the Texas Election Code for the qualified voters of the City residing in the City. The City Secretary is hereby designated and appointed as an Early Voting Clerk for the general election for qualified voters of the City.
- 2. Applications for ballot by mail for qualified voters of the City residing in the City shall be mailed to:

Amanda Sanders

City Secretary

Mailing and Physical Address:

101 Linda Drive

Daingerfield, Texas 75638

Telephone Number: (903) 645-3906

Email Address: amanda.sanders@cityofdaingerfield.com Website: https://www.cityofdaingerfield.com/city-secretary

- 3. The main early voting location for qualified voters of the City is: the City Conference Chambers in the Daingerfield City Hall located at 101 Linda Drive, Daingerfield, Texas 75638.
- 4. Early voting for qualified voters of the City shall be held at the dates, times, and location authorized by the City Secretary. Any early voting polling place may be added or changed by the City Secretary upon compliance with applicable law. Early voting by personal appearance shall only be conducted on one or more Saturdays or Sundays during the early voting period upon receipt of a written request submitted by at least 15 registered voters of the territory covered by the election as required by state law.

Section 10. Election Judges and Clerks. Prior to the Election Day, the election judges, alternate judges, clerks, and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election shall be appointed by the City Council or selected and appointed by the City Secretary, as authorized by the Texas Election Code, all in compliance with the requirements of state law, and they are hereby designated and appointed election officers for the holding of said election and such appointments are approved. The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges and clerks shall perform the functions and duties of their

respective positions that are provided by state law. The City Secretary is authorized to appoint any such other officials not designated or appointed herein as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Code.

- Section 11. <u>City Secretary Assistance</u>. The City Secretary is further authorized to assist with the giving of notices required for the election, and to take such other and further action as is required to conduct the election in compliance with the Texas Election Code; provided that, pursuant to any applicable election services contracts, the City Secretary or the Elections Administrator, shall have the duty and be responsible for organizing and conducting the election in compliance with the Texas Election Code; and for providing all services specified to be provided in any applicable election services contracts.
- Section 12. Necessary Actions. The Mayor and the City Secretary of the City, in consultation with the City's Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein, including but not limited to making changes or additions to polling places, ballot language, or procedures to the extent required or desirable or as may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Ordinance. The City Secretary is further authorized to give notice of the election as required by the Texas Election Code. The Mayor is further authorized to sign any subsequent orders adjusting the polling locations, dates, and times that are subject to change due to any applicable joint election agreement, if any, up until the final posting deadline of such notice pursuant to Texas Election Code ("Code") Sec. 4.003(a)(b) and (c).
- Section 13. General. The general election shall be held and conducted by the City in compliance with the Texas Election Code and, to the extent not inconsistent therewith, the City Charter, and only resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at the election. The Election Officers are hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies, materials, and equipment to conduct said election. Returns of the election shall be made known as soon as possible after the closing of the polls; and the election returns shall be canvassed by the City Council not earlier than May 6, 2025, nor later than May 14, 2025.
- **Section 14.** <u>Authorization to Execute.</u> The Mayor is authorized to execute and the City Secretary is authorized to attest this Ordinance on behalf of the Council; and the Mayor is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.
- **Section 15.** Effective Date; Election Code; Preamble. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage on the date shown below; provided that if any term or provision of this Ordinance conflicts with, or is inconsistent with, the Texas Elections Code, the Texas Election Code shall govern and control and the City Secretary shall comply with the Texas Elections Code. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes as part of the findings of Council.
- **Section 16.** <u>Severability.</u> If any provision, section of this Ordinance or the application of any provisionto any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, andto this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 17. Open Meetings. It is officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required *Chapt. 551, Tex. Gov't. Code*.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this the 10th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

Amanda Sanders, City Secretary

CITY OF DAINGERFIELD, TEXAS

Wade Kerley, Mayor

