

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02-15**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS ON MAY 7, 2022 TO SUBMIT A PROPOSITION ON THE QUESTION OF REAUTHORIZATION OF A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE TO CONTINUE PROVIDING REVENUE TO MAINTAIN AND REPAIR MUNICIPAL STREETS; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTION AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Grey Forest, Texas (the "City") hereby finds and determines that an election should be held to determine whether the City Council shall be reauthorized to levy and collect a sales and use tax within the City under the provisions of Chapter 327, as amended, Texas Tax Code (the "Act") to continue providing revenue for the maintenance and repair of municipal streets; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, the combined rate of all local sales and use taxes imposed by the City and other political subdivisions having territory in the City will not exceed two (2) percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby finds and determines that the holding of this election on the date set forth below, a uniform election date, is in the public interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** An election shall be held on the 7<sup>TH</sup> day of May, 2022, a uniform election date, in the City of Grey Forest, Texas, which date is not less than seventy-eight (78) days from the date of the adoption of this ordinance (the "Ordinance"), for the purpose of submitting a proposition to the qualified voters of the City regarding continuation of the sales and use tax of one fourth (1/4) of one percent (1%) to maintain and repair municipal streets.

**SECTION 2.** Voting on Election Day and during early voting shall be done on Election Systems & Software, Inc. (ES&S) Express Vote® Universal Voting System with DS200® with voting tabulation performed by Bexar County Elections Administrator or a similar system designated by the Bexar County Elections Administrator. Voting by Mail ballot and Provisional Voting shall be done on paper ballot.

**SECTION 3.** The polling place designated for City of Grey Forest voting precincts 3051 and 3128 for voting in the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, general and special election shall be at Helotes City Hall, 12951

Bandera Road, Helotes, Texas 78023. Such polling place shall be open on Election Day from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Such locations and times may be subject to change once Bexar County Elections Administrator confirms information from appropriate agencies.

**SECTION 4.** The polling places for Grey Forest voting precincts 3051 and 3128 for Early Voting for the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 general election shall be determined by the Bexar County Elections Administrator and held beginning Monday, April 25, 2022, through Tuesday, May 3, 2022. The following dates, times, and locations are subject to change and will be posted once published by the Bexar County Elections Department.

Dates for Early Voting: April 25, 2022 – May 3, 2022

Hours for Early Voting:

Dates	Time
Monday, April 25, 2022- Saturday, April 29, 2022	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 30, 2022	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 1, 2022	12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 2 thru Tuesday, May 3, 2022	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location for Early Voting: Helotes City Hall, 12951 Bandera Road, Helotes, Texas 78023

**SECTION 5.** Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to Jacquelyn F. Callanen, Bexar County Elections Administrator, at 1103 S. Frio, Ste. 100, San Antonio, TX 78207. Applications for ballots by mail must be received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the close of business on the date required by the Texas Election Code.

**SECTION 6.** Jacqueline F. Callanen, Bexar Elections Administrator, is designated as the election officer to conduct the General and Special Election of May 7, 2022, and Early Voting for the General and Special Election. She shall appoint a sufficient number of clerks to assist in the proper conduct of the election and other persons to serve with her as an Early Voting Ballot Board.

**SECTION 7.** The official ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the proposition which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

**"THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS AT THE RATE OF ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS. THE TAX EXPIRES ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE OF THIS ELECTION UNLESS THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX IS REAUTHORIZED"**

**SECTION 8.** All resident qualified electors of the City shall be permitted to vote at the election and on the day of the election, such electors shall vote at the designated polling place. The election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, and Chapter 327, as amended, Texas Tax code, and as may be required by any other law. All election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish. The reauthorized sales and use tax shall expire, unless reauthorized, as provided by the provisions of Section 327.007, as amended, Texas Tax Code.

**SECTION 9.** A substantial copy of this Ordinance shall serve as proper notice of the election. Such notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

**SECTION 10.** The Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract with Bexar County Elections Administrator to conduct the election ordered herein and committing to pay the fee charged by the Bexar County Elections Administrator for such services. The Mayor is furthermore authorized to enter into a contract for the conduct of a joint election with other governmental entities in Bexar County, Texas.

**PASSED AND APPROVED,** on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of **February, 2022** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Grey Forest, Texas which meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code, §551.001, et.seq. at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

**CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS**

  
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Charles Mitchell Thornton, Jr., Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Miguel Cantu, City Secretary



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Ryan Henry, City Attorney

