

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION
CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

To the Registered Voters of the City of Hempstead, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2024, for voting in a special election, to amend the City Charter of the City of Hempstead Texas.

Section 1. Pursuant to City of Hempstead, Texas, Ordinance No. 24-102, passed February 5, 2024, calling the special election to amend the City Charter, the proposed amendments are as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1.

Section 1 of Article III of the Charter of the City of Hempstead, Texas, shall hereafter read as follows:

Section 1. OFFICE CREATED: QUALIFICATIONS: TERM

There is hereby established the Office of Mayor of the City, the incumbent of which shall be a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen (18) years of age, a qualified voter, residing within the City for at least twelve (12) months prior to his election. The Mayor shall be elected by a majority vote of the qualified voters in the City; he/she shall hold his office for four (4) years and/or until his/her successor is elected and qualified, unless sooner removed as provided by this Article. The Mayor shall be elected in even numbered years. The City, as referred to herein, shall be deemed to include the City and any and all territory at any time annexed to the City of Hempstead.

a. Head of City Government - The Mayor shall be the Chief Administrative and Executive Officer of the City. The Mayor shall devote his/her best efforts to and shall be responsible for the proper administration of its affairs. The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Council and shall be recognized as the head of the City Government for all ceremonial purposes, for the purpose of receiving civil process, for emergency purposes, and for military purposes.

b. Disability of the Mayor - If for any reason the Mayor fails, is unable or refuses to perform the duties of his office, the Mayor Pro Tern shall act as Mayor during such absence or disability shall possess all of the powers and perform all of the duties of the Mayor and is entitled to receive the fees and compensation prescribed for the Mayor.

c. Section 2 of Article VI, and all other sections or parts of sections of the existing charter of the City of Hempstead in conflict with this Section shall be and are hereby repealed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2.

Sections 1 and 2 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of Hempstead, Texas, shall hereafter read as follows:

THE COUNCIL

Section 1. OFFICE CREATED: QUALIFICATIONS

There is hereby established a Council of the City. The City, as referred to herein, shall be deemed to include the City, and any and all territory at any time annexed to the City. This Council shall consist of five (5) Councilmembers elected from the City At Large. A candidate for Councilmember shall reside within the City. The candidate for Councilmember must be a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen (18) years of age, a qualified voter residing within the City for at least twelve (12) months prior to his/her election.

Section 2. TERM

a. The Councilmembers shall hereafter be elected to the following terms of office:

Councilmember, Position 1 shall be elected to this position at the general election beginning with the election in 2024 and shall serve for a term of three years. The Candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for this position, and that is otherwise qualified, is elected.

Councilmember, Position 2 shall be elected to this position at the general election beginning with the election in 2024 and shall serve for a term of three years. The Candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for this position, and that is otherwise qualified, is elected.

Councilmember, Position 3 shall be elected to this position at the general election beginning with the election in 2026 and shall serve for a term of three years. The Candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for this position, and that is otherwise qualified, is elected.

Councilmember, Position 4 shall be elected to this position at the general election beginning with the election in 2026 and shall serve for a term of three years. The Candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for this position, and that is otherwise qualified, is elected.

Councilmember, Position 5 shall be elected to this position at the general election beginning with the election in 2026 and shall serve for a term of three years. The Candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for this position, and that is otherwise qualified, is elected.

Councilmembers holding office in Positions 3, 4 and 5, at the time of the adoption of this amendment to Section 2, Article IV of the Charter shall hold office until the expiration of their current term of office in 2025.

b. Section 2 of Article VI, and all other sections or parts of sections of the existing charter of the City of Hempstead in conflict with this Section shall be and are hereby repealed

Section 2. The anticipated fiscal impact to the City of Hempstead of proposed Amendment No.1 and/or Amendment No 2. is approved at this Election is the possible, contingent additional cost of a Runoff election, if any candidate were not initially elected by a majority vote of the voters voting at a City General Election, which at the time of this election is estimated to be Seven thousand dollars- (\$ 7,000).

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

Waller County Road and Bridge Annex

775 Highway 290,

Hempstead, Texas

ADDITIONAL WALLER COUNTY BRANCH POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS

Waller Community Center

21274 FM 1098

Prairie View, Texas

Waller Civic Center

3007 Waller Street,

Waller. Texas

Brookshire Convention Center

4027 5th Street

Brookshire, Texas

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE FOLLOWING EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES:

Waller County Road and Bridge Annex

775 Highway 290,

Hempstead, Texas

**Waller County Community Center
21274 FM 1098
Prairie View, Texas**

**Waller Civic Center
3007 Waller Street,
Waller, Texas**

**Brookshire Convention Center
4027 5th Street
Brookshire, Texas**

The dates and times of Early Voting by Personal Appearance period at the Early Voting Polling Place locations are as follows:

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024	8:00 A.M. –5:00 P.M.
TUESDAY APRIL 23, 2024	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY APRIL 24, 2024	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
THURSDAY APRIL 25, 2024	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
FRIDAY APRIL 26, 2024	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
SATURDAY APRIL 27,2024	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
MONDAY APRIL 29,2024	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
TUESDAY APRIL 30, 2024	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

**Christy A. Eason
Elections Administrator
816 Wilkins Street
Hempstead, TX 77445**

Applications for a ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 23, 2024.

Issued this the 20th day of February, 2024.

Erica Gillum

Signature of Presiding Office