

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ON SATURDAY THE 12TH DAY OF MAY, 2012, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1.
ELECTION ORDERED.**

In compliance with the Charter of the City of Fort Worth and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, the City Council hereby orders that a special election be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012, as authorized by section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, at which all qualified voters of City Council District 8 may vote for the purpose of electing a council member from District 8 to serve the remainder of an unexpired term until the regular City Council election in May 2013.

**SECTION 2.
CANDIDATES.**

Candidates may file an application for a place on the special election ballot commencing February 13, 2012, in the City Secretary's Office, located in the Municipal Building, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. The filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. on March 12, 2012.

**SECTION 3.
BALLOT.**

The City Secretary of said City shall ensure that ballots are prepared to be used in said special election, on which ballots shall be printed the names of the candidates

for the position of City Council Member, District 8. The ballots shall be printed in English and in Spanish for use in said special election.

**SECTION 4.
DRAWING FOR PLACES ON THE BALLOT.**

In the event there are two or more candidates for the unexpired term of City Council Member, District 8, the order in which the names of such candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing to be conducted by the City Secretary; that three (3) days prior to the date on which the drawing is to be held, the City Secretary shall post a notice in the City Hall of the time and place of the drawing and shall also give personal notice to any candidate who makes written request therefor and furnishes to the City Secretary a self-addressed stamped envelope; and that each candidate involved in the drawing or a representative designated by him or her shall have a right to be present and observe the drawing.

**SECTION 5.
EARLY VOTING CLERKS.**

- (a) The Tarrant County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Early Voting Clerk. The official mailing address is:
- Steve Raborn, Early Voting Clerk
P.O. Box 961011
Fort Worth, TX 76161-0011
- (b) The City Secretary of the City of Fort Worth shall serve as Chief Deputy Early Voting Clerk.
- (c) Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to the Early Voting Clerk at the address set out in subsection (a) above. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 4, 2012.

**SECTION 6.
EARLY POLLING LOCATIONS.**

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted beginning April 30, 2012, and continuing through May 8, 2012. Early voting shall be conducted at the locations and times set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**SECTION 7.
VOTING SYSTEM.**

- (a) An electronic voting system, as defined in Chapter 121 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for voting at the regular polling places at said election and for counting the ballots and the tabulation of the results. The conduct of the election and the use of the electronic voting system shall be in accordance with the Texas Election Code.
- (b) The Office of the Tarrant County Elections Administrator, Tarrant County Courthouse, 2700 Premier, Fort Worth, Texas, is hereby established as the Central Counting Station for the ballots cast in said election.
- (c) An individual, having knowledge and experience in the conduct of elections with the electronic voting system for which the Central Counting Station is established, and being a registered voter of the City of Fort Worth, shall be appointed by Tarrant County as the Manager of the Central Counting Station. The Manager shall be in charge of overall administration of the Central Counting Station and the general supervision of the personnel working at the Station.
- (d) An individual, trained in the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment installed at the Central Counting Station, shall be appointed by Tarrant County as Tabulation Supervisor. The Tabulation Supervisor shall be in charge of the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment.
- (e) An individual shall be appointed by Tarrant County as Assistant to the Tabulation Supervisor. Such assistant shall assist the Tabulation Supervisor in the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment as directed by the Tabulation Supervisor.

- (f) An individual shall be appointed by Tarrant County as Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station. He shall maintain order at the Central Counting Station and shall have such authority as may be prescribed by the Texas Election Code.
- (g) The election day polling places shall be kept open on May 12, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and that due returns shall be made to the City Council showing the number of votes cast for the office of Fort Worth City Council, District 8.

SECTION 8. RUNOFF.

Any candidate receiving a majority of all the votes cast for the office for which he or she is a candidate shall be elected to such office. In the event of a tie or in the event that no candidate receives a majority of all votes cast for the office sought, the Mayor shall issue a call, proclamation and notice for a second election, as required by law, to be held on June 16, 2012, to fill that place. At such second election, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for any such office or offices, as the case may be, in the first election, at which no one was elected by receiving a majority of all votes cast for all candidates for such office or offices, shall be printed on the ballot and shall again be voted for.

SECTION 9. PROCLAMATION.

This ordinance shall constitute the proclamation, call, notice and ordinance calling and ordering said election.

SECTION 10. PUBLICATION.

Notice of said election shall be given by publishing a Notice of Election, in English and in Spanish, at least once, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before election day in a newspaper published in said City. A copy of this ordinance, in English and in Spanish, shall be posted on the City's board used for posting notices

of the meeting of the Fort Worth City Council not later than the 21st day before election day.

**SECTION 11.
NOTICE.**

That the way and manner of holding said election, the notice to be given therefor, the polling places, the personnel and the officers who are to hold same, and all details connected with the holding of the election shall be provided for and arranged by the City Secretary; that the proper notice and publication of this notice, proclamation, call and ordinance shall be only cumulative of and in addition to the statutory notice of said election as herein provided; and that any omission or irregularity in this notice or in the publication or posting of this notice, proclamation, call and ordinance, or in the signing of same, shall not in any way affect or invalidate such election.

**SECTION 12.
CONTROLLING LAW.**

That in all respects, said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the City Charter of the City of Fort Worth.

**SECTION 13.
OPEN MEETING COMPLIANCE.**

That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was adopted and said election was called was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 14.
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

That this ordinance, election order, proclamation, call and notice shall take effect upon adoption.

Betsy Price
Mayor of the City of Fort Worth

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

City Attorney

ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE: _____

EXHIBIT "A"
CITY OF FORT WORTH MAY 12, 2012 SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY
EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE DAYS AND HOURS

Early Voting. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted on the following dates and times and at the following locations:

Dates and Hours of Early Voting

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| April 30 | Monday | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. |
| May 1 - 4 | Tuesday-Friday | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. |
| May 5 | Saturday | 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. |
| May 6 | Sunday | 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. |
| May 7 - 8 | Monday-Tuesday | 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. |

MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE

Tarrant County Elections Center*

2700 Premier Street

Fort Worth, Texas 76111

**Emergency and Limited ballots available at this location only.*

Branch Early Voting Polling Places

City of Fort Worth Locations:

Diamond Hill/Jarvis Library

1300 Northeast 35th Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76106

Southwest Community Center

6300 Welch Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76133

Griffin Sub-Courthouse

3212 Miller Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76119

Southwest Sub-Courthouse

6551 Granbury Road
Fort Worth, Texas 76133

Handley-Meadowbrook Community Center

6201 Beaty Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76112

Summerglen Branch Library

4205 Basswood Boulevard
Fort Worth, Texas 76137

JPS Health Center Viola M. Pitts/Como

Lower Level
4701 Bryant Irvin Road N.
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Tarrant County Plaza Building

201 Burnett Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Southside Community Center

959 East Rosedale Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76104

Villages of Woodland Springs

Amenity Center
12209 Timberland Boulevard
Fort Worth, Texas 76244

Worth Heights Community Center

3551 New York Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76110

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Other Tarrant County Locations:

Bob Duncan Center

2800 South Center Street
Arlington, Texas 76014

Elzie Odom Athletic Center

1601 N.E. Green Oaks Boulevard
Arlington, Texas 76006

Center for Community Service

Junior League of Arlington

4002 Pioneer Parkway
Arlington, Texas 76013

South Service Center

1100 S.W. Green Oaks Boulevard
Arlington, Texas 76017

Tarrant County Sub-Courthouse in Arlington

700 E. Abram Street
Arlington, Texas 76010

B.J. Clark Annex

Room 4

603 Southeast Parkway
Azle, Texas 76020

Bedford Public Library

2424 Forest Ridge Drive
Bedford, Texas 76021

Benbrook Community Center

228 San Angelo Street
Benbrook, Texas 76126

Colleyville City Hall

100 Main Street
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Crowley Community Center

900 East Glendale Street
Crowley, Texas 76036

Eules Public Library

201 North Ector Drive
Eules, Texas 76039

Mahaney Community Center

6800 Forest Hill Drive
Forest Hill, Texas 76140

Starrett Elementary School

2675 Fairmont Drive
Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

Grapevine Community Activities Center

1175 Municipal Way
Grapevine, Texas 76051

Haltom City Northeast Center

3201 Friendly Lane
Haltom City, Texas 76117

Hurst Recreation Center

700 Mary Drive
Hurst, Texas 76053

Northeast Sub-Courthouse

645 Grapevine Highway
Hurst, Texas 76054

Keller Town Hall

1100 Bear Creek Parkway
Keller, Texas 76248

Kennedale Community Center

316 West 3rd Street
Kennedale, Texas 76060

Sheriff's Office North Patrol Division

6651 Lake Worth Boulevard
Lake Worth, Texas 76135

Mansfield Sub-Courthouse

1100 East Broad Street
Mansfield, Texas 76063

North Richland Hills Recreation Center

6720 Northeast Loop 820
North Richland Hills, Texas 76180

EXHIBIT "A"

**CITY OF FORT WORTH MAY 12, 2012 SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY
EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE DAYS AND HOURS**

Saginaw Community Center - Log Cabin

620 Park Center Boulevard
Saginaw, Texas 76179

Southlake Town Hall

1400 Main Street
Southlake, Texas 76092

White Settlement Public Library

8215 White Settlement Road
White Settlement, Texas 76108