ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WIMBERLEY, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR PLACE TWO AND PLACE FOUR; INCLUDING POLLING LOCATIONS, DATES, AND TIMES FOR VOTING ON ELECTION DAY AND FOR EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCTING THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Wimberley desires to hold a General Election on Saturday, May 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and City Council Members for Places Two and Four and;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is in furtherance of the public interest, for the good of government, peace and order of the City, and necessary and proper for carrying out the power granted by law to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WIMBERLEY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. In accordance with the general laws and constitution of the State of Texas, a General City Election is hereby ordered to be held by the City of Wimberley (the "City") at the various polling places and election precincts within the corporate limits of the City, as herein designated, on May 4, 2024, from the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This General City Election will be administered for the City by the Hays County Elections Administrator. At the General City Election, the qualified voters of the City will elect a Mayor, City Council Member for Place Two, and a City Council Member for Place Four, with a term of two years for Mayor and each Council Member position.

SECTION 2. The City election polling locations for early voting and election day shall be determined by Hays County and conducted at polling locations yet to be designated by Hays County, but will be included as "Exhibit A" to this Ordinance upon approval by Hays County. "Exhibit A" may be revised as necessary to conform to the final polling locations as instructed by Hays County.

SECTION 3. As per the Joint Election Agreement between Hays County and the City of Wimberley approved on January 4, 2024, the Hays County Election Administrator shall appoint presiding judges and alternate judges to serve in this election, and it shall be each such judge's duty to hold the election in their respective precincts.

SECTION 4. Each presiding judge may appoint up to four clerks, and with the permission of the Hays County Election Administrator, additional clerks, to serve for each precinct in this election.

SECTION 5. Jennifer Doinoff is appointed Early Voting Clerk for the City.

SECTION 6. The main early polling place for early voting by personal appearance for the election is the Hays County Elections Office, 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, TX 78666. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted during the stated dates and times (excluding holidays) to be designated and listed as "Exhibit A", to this Ordinance. "Exhibit A" may be revised as necessary to conform to the final polling locations as instructed by Hays County.

SECTION 7. Early voting by mail ballot shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code. The address of 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas 78666, shall be the Early Voting Clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and mail-in ballots may be sent for the City General Election.

SECTION 8. All early votes and other votes to be processed in accordance with early voting procedures pursuant to the Texas Election Code shall be delivered to the Early Voting Ballot Board at the Hays County Election Administrator's office. Early votes shall be counted at the Central Counting Station, located at the Hays County Elections Office, 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas 78666. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall process all early and Election Day ballots in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 9. The Verity Duo Hybrid voting system shall be utilized in connection with the election. This system shall be utilized for all early voting as well as for all voting conducted on Election Day. Ample voting equipment shall be provided for early voting and in each of the various vote centers on Election Day.

SECTION 10. The Hays County Elections Administrator will appoint the Early Voting Ballot Board, a Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station, a Tabulation Supervisor of the Central Counting Station, and a Central Counting Station Manager.

SECTION 11. The election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Wimberley and the laws of the State of Texas. The deadline for filing by candidates for the position of Mayor, Council Member Place Two, and Council Member Place Four is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024.

SECTION 12. An executed copy of this Ordinance will serve as proper notice of the election.

SECTION 13. Notice of the election will be published at least once in the Wimberley View newspaper on or after April 4, 2024, and before April 24, 2024, and will be posted on the bulletin board at City Hall on or before April 12, 2024. The Mayor shall issue all necessary orders and writs for such election and returns of such election shall be made to the City Secretary immediately after the closing of the polls.

SECTION 14. The importance of this Ordinance creates an imperative public necessity, and this Ordinance will take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City of Wimberley City Council on February 1, 2024, by a vote of <u>5</u> (Ayes) and 0 (Nays) and 0 (Abstain).

Attest:

Fammy Heller, City Secretary

Gina V. Fulkerson, Mayor

City Wimberley

Approved as to Form:

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Exhibit "A" Polling Locations