

ORDINANCE NO. 905

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OYSTER CREEK, TEXAS, CALLING FOR THE **2025** ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THIS CITY; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS; PROVIDING FOR OFFICERS OF THIS ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; CALLING FOR A JOINT ELECTION; AUTHORIZING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SHARING OF EXPENSES OF THE JOINT ELECTION; AND PROVIDING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OYSTER CREEK, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE - Annual General Election Called.

A general election shall be held in and throughout the City of Oyster Creek, Texas (“the City”) on the **first Saturday in May, 2025**, which is the **3rd day of May, 2025**, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing, for a two year term, persons to the following named offices of the City:

Mayor;
Alderman Position 1; and
Alderman Position 2.

SECTION TWO - Municipal Election Precinct and Polling Place.

For the purpose of the election called and ordained by this ordinance, the polling places for the City shall be all of the county-wide vote centers listed on the attachment to the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with the Brazoria County Clerk for this election.

SECTION THREE - Electors.

Every person eligible to vote under the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 2 of the Texas Election Code who is a resident of the City, and who is duly registered to vote in this election shall be entitled to vote in this election.

SECTION FOUR-Officers of Election and Compensation Thereof.

The appointments, compensation, and duties of all election officers and personnel shall be as provided in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with the Brazoria County Clerk for this election.

SECTION FIVE - Early Voting.

- a. The Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized to conduct early voting by personal appearance beginning on the **eleventh (11th)*** day preceding and ending on the **fourth (4th)** day preceding the day herein specified for this election, being **Tuesday, April 22, 2025,*** through **Tuesday, April 29, 2025**, respectively, such early voting by personal appearance to be conducted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on every day except Saturday, Sunday and State legal holidays. In addition, early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted between the hours of **7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, 2025**. In addition, early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted for twelve hours on each of two weekdays, as follows: from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025**, and **Tuesday, April 29, 2025**.

[*Note: Early voting by personal appearance normally begins on the *Monday twelve* days before election day, but in 2025, that date is San Jacinto Day, a state holiday, so early voting by personal appearance begins on the next business day, Tuesday, April 22, 2025.]

b. The main early voting place is:

East Annex (Old Walmart)
1524 E. Mulberry #144, Angleton

c. The locations for early voting by personal appearance are as follows:

Alvin Branch Location: Alvin Library
105 S. Gordon, Alvin

Angleton Main Location: East Annex
(Old WalMart Building)
1524 E. Mulberry
Angleton

Clute Branch Location: Clute Event Center
100 Parkview Dr., Clute

Brazoria Branch Location: Brazoria Library
620 S. Brooks, Brazoria

Freeport Branch Location: Freeport Library
410 Brazosport Blvd., Freeport

Lake Jackson Branch Location: Doris Williams Civic Center
333 Hwy. 332 East, Lake Jackson

Manvel Branch Location: Manvel Annex
7313 Corporate Dr., Manvel

Pearland Branch Location: Tom Reid Library
3522 Liberty Dr., Pearland

Pearland Branch Location: West Pearland Community Center
2150 Country Place Pkwy., Pearland

Pearland Branch Location: West Pearland Library
11801 Shadow Creek Pkwy., Pearland

Sweeny Location: Sweeny Community Center
205 W. Ashley Wilson Rd., Sweeny

West Columbia Branch Location: Precinct 4 Building 2
121 N. 10th Street, West Columbia

d. Early voting by mail shall be as provided by applicable law. The mailing address of the **Early Voting Clerk is Joyce Hudman, County Clerk, 111 East Locust, Suite 200, Angleton, Texas 77515.** The email address of the **Early Voting Clerk is ABBM@brazoriacountytx.gov.**

SECTION SIX - Method of Voting and Conducting Election.

All early voting by personal appearance and all voting on the day named above for the holding of this general annual election shall be by means of whatever type of voting machine or electronic voting system is available from the voting machine department of Brazoria County, Texas. The manner of holding this election will be governed by the laws of the State of Texas governing general elections and as provided in this ordinance.

SECTION SEVEN - Notice of Election.

a. The Mayor shall cause notice of this election to be posted for at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date named above for the holding of this general annual election (1) on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the City Council and (2) on the internet website of the City.

b. The Mayor shall also cause notice of this election to be published in The Facts, a newspaper published in the City of Clute, in Brazoria County, Texas, having a general circulation within the corporate limits of the City of Oyster Creek, not earlier than thirty (30) days and not later than ten (10) days before the date named above for the holding of this general annual election.

SECTION EIGHT – Order for Election.

This ordinance constitutes an order for this election, in compliance with the Texas Election Code. In addition, the City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and City Secretary to execute and attest, respectively, an order for this election summarizing the information herein.

SECTION NINE – Amended Election Information.

If the Brazoria County Clerk, the Governor of Texas, or any other lawful authority changes the voting locations or any other election information herein stated, then this ordinance shall be automatically amended to conform to those amendments, and the City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and City Secretary to execute and attest, respectively, an amended order for this election summarizing the information herein with those amendments.

SECTION TEN - Call for Joint Election.

a. This election shall be held jointly with Brazoria County and any other participating entities, pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code.

b. The Mayor and City Secretary are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the City and the Brazoria County Clerk for this election.

c. Costs of this election shall be shared as provided in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with the Brazoria County Clerk for this election.

SECTION ELEVEN - Ratification and Confirmation by Mayor

By signing this ordinance, the undersigned Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem of the City hereby ratifies and confirms as his action all matters herein contained which by law come within his jurisdiction.

SECTION TWELVE - Severance Clause

If any part of this order or ordinance, of whatever size, is ever declared invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION THIRTEEN - Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

READ, PASSED, and APPROVED this **6th day of February, 2025**.



JUSTIN MARK MILLS, MAYOR
CITY OF OYSTER CREEK, TEXAS

ATTEST:



ANDI FORD, CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF OYSTER CREEK, TEXAS

