

**ORDINANCE NO. 22592-02-2017**

**AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ON MAY 6, 2017, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR CITY OF FORT WORTH AND ORDERING A RUNOFF ELECTION, IF NEEDED.**

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

**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 an election be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017, as authorized by section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, at which all qualified voters may vote for the purpose of electing a Mayor at large and eight (8) Council Members of Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, respectively.

**SECTION 2.  
CANDIDATES**

Candidates may file an application for a place on the election ballot commencing January 18, 2017, in the City Secretary's Office, located in the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas. The filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2017.

**SECTION 3.  
BALLOT**

The City Secretary of said City shall ensure that ballots are prepared to be used in said election, on which ballots shall be printed the names of the candidates for the at-large position of Mayor and the names of the candidates from the respective single member districts for the position of Council Member. The places of the different candidates shall be designated on the official ballot as Mayor and Member of Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 respectively. The ballots shall be printed in English, Spanish and Vietnamese for use in said general election.



- (d) Applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail by Denton County voters should be forwarded as follows:

Mailing Address: Early Voting Clerk  
701 Kimberly, Suite A101  
Denton, Texas, 76208

Or

P.O. Box 1720  
Denton, Texas, 76202

Express Courier Delivery: Early Voting Clerk  
Denton County Elections  
701 Kimberly, Suite A101  
Denton, Texas, 76208

Fax: 940-349-3201

Email: [elections@dentoncounty.com](mailto:elections@dentoncounty.com)

- (e) Don Markum, Parker County Elections Administrator, shall serve as the early voting clerk for the Parker County portion of the election.

- (f) Applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail by Parker County voters should be forwarded as follows:

Mailing Address: Early Voting Clerk  
1112 Santa Fe Drive  
Weatherford, Texas, 76086

Express Courier Delivery: Early Voting Clerk  
Parker County Elections  
1112 Santa Fe Drive  
Weatherford, Texas, 76086

Fax: 817-598-6183

Email: [elections@parkercountytx.com](mailto:elections@parkercountytx.com)

- (g) Applications for early voting ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2017.

**SECTION 6.  
EARLY VOTING**

- (a) Early Voting by personal appearance for Fort Worth residents shall be conducted beginning April 24, 2017, and continue through May 2, 2017.
- (b) The main Early Voting locations and times for Fort Worth residents are:

- (1) Voters residing in Tarrant County:

Location: Tarrant County Elections Center  
2700 Premier Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76111

Times:

April 24 – April 28	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
April 29	Saturday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
April 30	Sunday	11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
May 1-2	Monday – Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- (2) Voters residing in Denton County:

Location: Denton County Elections  
701 Kimberly Drive  
Denton, Texas 76208

Times:

April 24 – April 28	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
April 29	Saturday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
May 1-2	Monday – Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- (3) Voters residing in Parker County

Location: Parker County Courthouse Annex – Annex Kitchen  
1112 Santa Fe Drive  
Weatherford, Texas 76086

Times:

April 24	Monday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
April 25	Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
April 26	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
April 27	Thursday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
April 28	Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
May 1-2	Monday – Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**SECTION 7.  
VOTING SYSTEM AND JOINT ELECTION**

An electronic voting system, as defined in Chapter 121 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for voting at the regular polling places for 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.

The election shall be held as a Joint Election pursuant to a Joint Election Agreement and Contract For Election Services by and between the City of Fort Worth, the Tarrant County Elections Administrator, the Denton County Elections Administrator, the Parker County Elections Administrator and other political subdivisions. Pursuant to the above mentioned Joint Elections Agreements the Tarrant County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Elections Administrator for the election held in Tarrant County, the Denton County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Elections Administrator for the election held in Denton County and the Parker County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Elections Administrator for the election held in Parker County. Presiding Election Judges and Alternate Presiding Election Judges appointed to serve at said polling places listed in the Joint Elections Agreements shall be those election officials furnished by the Elections Administrators selected pursuant to the terms of the Joint Elections Agreements. An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby created pursuant to Section 87.001 of the Texas Election Code. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall be made up of members appointed in the manner stated in the Joint Election Agreements, and the Presiding Judges and the Alternate Presiding Judges of the Early Voting Ballot Boards shall be the elections officials listed in the agreement.

**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, a run-off election shall be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 pm. At such second election, the

names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for 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 such office or offices, shall be printed on the ballot and shall again be voted on.

**SECTION 9.  
EARLY VOTING RUN-OFF ELECTION**

(a) Early Voting by personal appearance for the run-off election, if a run-off election is necessary, shall be conducted beginning May 30, 2017, and continue through June 6, 2017.

(b) The main Early Voting locations and times for Fort Worth residents are:

(1) Voters residing in Tarrant County:

Location: Tarrant County Elections Center  
2700 Premier Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76111

Times:

May 30-June 2	Tuesday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
June 3	Saturday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
June 4	Sunday	11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
June 5-6	Monday – Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

(2) Voters residing in Denton County:

Location: Denton County Elections  
701 Kimberly Drive  
Denton, Texas 76208

Times:

May 30 - June 3	Tuesday – Saturday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
June 5-6	Monday – Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

(3) Voters residing in Parker County

Location: Parker County Courthouse Annex – Annex Kitchen  
1112 Santa Fe Drive  
Weatherford, Texas 76086



Times:

May 30	Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
May 31	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
June 1	Thursday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
June 2	Friday	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
June 5-6	Monday – Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**SECTION 10.  
PROCLAMATION**

This ordinance shall constitute the proclamation, call, notice and ordinance calling and ordering said general election and run-off election if needed.

**SECTION 11.  
PUBLICATION**

Notice of said election shall be given by publishing a Notice of Election, in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, at least once, not earlier than the 30<sup>th</sup> day or later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day before election day in a newspaper published in said City. A copy of the Notice of Election, in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese 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 21<sup>st</sup> day before election day.

**SECTION 12.  
NOTICE**

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. 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. 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 13.  
CONTROLLING LAW**

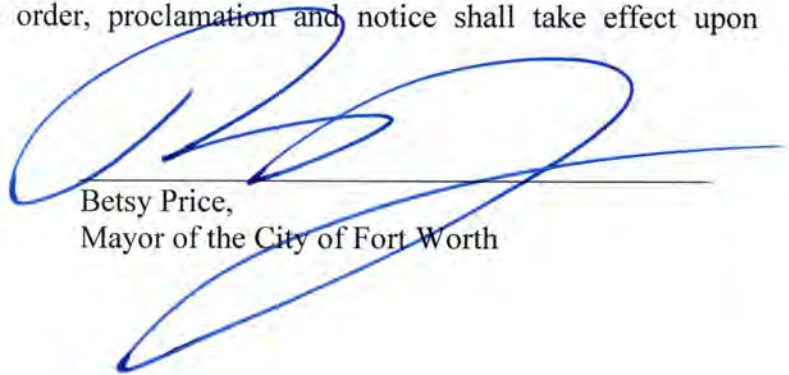
In all respects, said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the Charter of the City of Fort Worth, Texas.

**SECTION 14.  
OPEN MEETING COMPLIANCE**

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 15.  
EFFECTIVE DATE**

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



Betsy Price,  
Mayor of the City of Fort Worth

ATTEST:

  
Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

  
Sarah J. Fullenwider, City Attorney

**ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE:** February 7, 2017