

ORDINANCE NO. 14/ _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PARK, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND FOUR (4) CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AN ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DALLAS COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the City's Charter, it is necessary that the City Council of the City of University Park, Texas call a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and four (4) City Council Members;

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code, as amended, provides for a general election of City Officials to be held on uniform election dates; the second Saturday in May or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November;

WHEREAS, Section 11.0581(a) of the Texas Education Code requires independent school districts (ISDs) to conduct their general election for trustees on the same date as the election for the members of the governing body of a municipality located in the school district; the general election for state and county officers, or the election for the members of the governing body of a hospital district; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code authorizes the elections ordered by the authorities of two or more political subdivisions that are to be held on the same day in all or part of the same county to be held jointly in the election precincts that can be served by common polling places.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PARK, TEXAS;

SECTION 1. That a General Municipal Election be and the same is hereby ordered to be held on the second Saturday in May 2014, the same being May 10, 2014, for the purpose of electing at large a Mayor and four (4) Councilmembers for the City of University Park, Texas, for a two-year term as heretofore established by the City Charter.

SECTION 2. That said election shall be held in accordance with the Election Code of the State of Texas, the statutes of the State of Texas, and the Charter and ordinances of the City of University Park, Texas, and shall be in conformity with the procedures set forth herein.

SECTION 3. That the election shall be held jointly with the Highland Park Independent School District, the Town of Highland Park, and the Dallas County Park Cities Municipal Utility District, and other Dallas County governmental entities on May 10, 2014, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Texas Education Code and Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code. The costs of said election shall be shared by the governmental entities as set forth in the Election Services Contract on file in the City Secretary's office.

SECTION 4. That a single election precinct is hereby created, which shall consist of the territory located within the corporate limits of the City of University Park, Texas, including all or

part of Dallas County precincts 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225 and 2226. The official polling place for voting on Election Day shall be the Highland Park Middle School, 3555 Granada Avenue, University Park, Texas. All resident, qualified voters of the City of University Park, Texas shall be permitted to vote in said election. In addition, the election materials as outlined in Section 272.005, Texas Election Code, shall be printed in both English and Spanish for use at the polling places during Early Voting and on Election Day.

SECTION 5. That the polling place for said election shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

SECTION 6. That Toni Pippins-Poole, Dallas County Elections Administrator, is appointed the Joint Election Early Voting Clerk for all of the participating political subdivisions in compliance with Section 31.097 of the Texas Elections Code.

SECTION 7. That in compliance with Section 85.004 of the Texas Election Code, early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at various Dallas County polling locations, including a branch location at University Park City Hall. Said branch polling place shall be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning Monday, April 28, 2014, and continuing through Friday, May 2, 2014; and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, May 5, and ending Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

SECTION 8. The Mayor and City Secretary are authorized to sign the Election Services Contract on behalf of the City. The City Secretary is authorized to prepare a Notice of Election as prescribed by the Texas Election Code, to be posted not later than April 19, 2014, and published in accordance with the provisions of the Code and the Charter one time no earlier than April 10 and no later than April 30, 2014.

SECTION 9. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law and Charter in such cases provide.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of University Park on this the 4th day of February 2014.

APPROVED:

W. Richard Davis
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM

ATTEST:

Robert L. Dillard, III
City Attorney

Elizabeth Spector
City Secretary