

**ORDINANCE NO. 261-23
CITY OF COLUMBUS, TEXAS**

**AN ORDINANCE CALLING AND ORDERING A GENERAL
ELECTION FOR CITY OFFICERS TO BE HELD ON MAY
6, 2023 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND
TWO COUNCILMEMBERS.**

Section I.

A general election is hereby ordered to be held on May 6, 2023 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) Councilmembers for the City of Columbus, Texas. All voting conducted within this election shall be pursuant to the cumulative voting style. An Election Order, attached as Exhibit "A" is incorporated by reference herein, and is hereby adopted and ordered.

Section II.

A candidate's application for a place on the ballot for the general election must be filed by **5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2023**. The earliest for a candidate to file an application for a place on the ballot in person will be **January 18, 2023 at 8:00 AM**.

Section III.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Colorado County Courthouse Annex, located at 318 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas 78934, between the hours of **7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. beginning on April 24, 2023 and ending May 2, 2023**.

Section IV.

The City Council hereby appoints the Colorado County Elections Administrator as the election officer for the sole purpose of conducting the election, early voting related thereto, tabulation of votes and the custody of any records from such election. This appointment includes services as the Early Voting Clerk for the Election, including for the receipt of applications and ballots for early voting by mail.

The rate of pay for each election judge and clerk shall be \$10.00 per hour. In addition, the presiding judge responsible for delivering the ballots and other election materials and records to the return center shall be paid \$25.00 for such delivery.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Colorado County Elections Administrator
Early Voting Clerk
318 Spring Street, Suite 101
Columbus, Texas 78934

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2023.

Section V.

The location of the polling places for the May 6, 2023 election shall be Precinct 101 – Emergency Services Building at 305 Radio Lane Columbus, TX 78934, and Precinct 305 - Agriculture Extension Office at 316 Spring Street, Columbus, TX 78934. The polling places shall be kept open from seven o'clock (7) a.m. until seven o'clock (7) p.m. on May 6, 2023 and due returns shall be made to the City Council showing the number of votes cast for each candidate for membership on the City Council.

Section VI.

The Colorado County Elections Administrator is hereby ordered and directed to prepare and issue ballots for said elections and to mark same as "Official Ballot." Said ballots shall be printed in English and in Spanish for use in said elections. Said ballots shall be suitable for use with a paper ballot voting system and other appropriate voting systems as required by law, and shall otherwise conform to the requirements of the Texas Election Code so as to permit the voters to vote for the candidate of their choice.

Section VII.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract for election services, if necessary, between the Colorado County Elections Administrator and the City of Columbus for services or equipment to be provided on May 6, 2023, and these services or equipment shall include, but not be limited to, those services or equipment specified in said contract.

Section VIII.

Notice of said elections shall be posted by the City Secretary and shall be distributed by: 1) publishing notice of the elections, in English and Spanish, at least once, not earlier than the 30th day nor later than the 10th day before election day, in a newspaper of general circulation in the said City; and 2) not later than the 21st day before election day, by posting notice of the elections, in English and Spanish, on the City's bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the Columbus City Council.

Section IX.

The way and manner of holding said elections, the notice to be given therefore, the polling places, the personnel and the officers who are to hold same, and all details connected with the holding of the elections shall be provided for and arranged by the City Secretary. Any omission or irregularity in the notice of elections or in the publication or posting of the notice of elections, or in the signing of same, shall not in any way affect or invalidate such elections.

Section X.

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 XI.

This ordinance and election order shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this, the 23rd day of January, 2022, at a regular public meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbus.



Hon. Lori An Gobert, Mayor
City of Columbus, Texas

ATTEST:



Bana Schneider, City Secretary
City of Columbus, Texas

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

An election is ordered to be held on **May 6, 2023** for the purpose of:

Electing Three (3) City Council Members:

**Mayor
Council Place 1
Council Place 2**

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the **Colorado County Courthouse Annex**, located at **318 Spring Street, Columbus, TX 78934**.

Early voting begins on **April 24, 2023** and ends on **May 2, 2023**. The hours for early voting will be as followed:

April 24-May 2 7:30am to 5:30pm

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

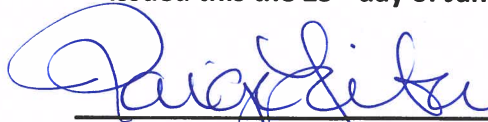
**Colorado County Elections Administrator
Early Voting Clerk
318 Spring Street, Suite 101
Columbus, Texas 78934**

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on **April 25, 2023**.

Issued this the 23rd day of January, 2023.



Lori An Gobert, Mayor



Paige Sciba, Council Place 3



Keith Cummings, Council Place 1



Michael Ridlen, Council Place 4



Ronny Daley, Council Place 2



Chuck Rankin, Council Place 5