FOREST HILL LIBRARY DISTRCIT

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE FOREST HILL LIBRARY DISTRICT AUTHORIZING AND CALLING FOR THE MAY 6, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTIING PERSONS TO THE OFFICES OF BOARD TRUSTEES PLACES 1, 2, AND 3; AUTHOPRING A CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH TARRANT COUNTY; PROVIDING A RUNOFF DATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, the General Election for Board of Trustees of the Forest Hill Library District is required to be held on May 6, 2023, at which time the voters will elect persons to fill the offices of Places 1, 2, and 3; and

Whereas, in accordance with Section 271.002 of the Texas Election Code, the Library District will be conducted jointly with other political subdivisions of Tarrant County, Texas; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Library District finds it in the public interest to call the foregoing election and to enter into a contract with Tarrant County to conduct said election jointly with other Tarrant County governmental entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FOREST HILL LIBRARY DISTRICT, THAT:

- Section 1. An election is hereby called to elect the officers of Places 1, 2, and 3 to serve until May of 2025 or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Such election shall be held at the Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center, 6901 Wichita Street, Forest Hill, Texas on the 6th day of May 2023 from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.
- Section 2. The election will be conducted jointly with other political subdivisions in Tarrant County on May 6, 2023, pursuant to Chapter 31 and 271, Texas Election Code and Joint Election Agreement and Election Services Contract by and between the Forest Hill library District, Tarrant County and other political subdivisions (the "Joint Elections Agreement")
- Section 3. Qualified persons may file as candidates by filing applications at the Forest Hill Library District from 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M Monday and Tuesday, 11:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Saturday, and 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 14, 2023. Beginning January 18, 2023 and through February 17, 2023.
- **Section 4.** The Election precinct and polling place of said election shall be as follows:

Forest Hill Library District Precinct

Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center 6901 Wichita Street Forest Hill, TX 76140

Election polls shall open on Election Day at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.

Section 5. The following provisions apply to early voting:

(a) Early voting by personal appearance: Early voting shall commence on April 24, 2023 and end 7:00 P.M. on May 2, 2023 at the locations and times set forth below:

Early voting hours shall be:

Monday, April 24, through Friday, April 28, 2023; 8:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 1, through Tuesday, May 2, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Main Early Voting Polling Site

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

Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center 6901 Wichita Street Forest Hill, Texas 76140

(b) Early voting by mail: The Tarrant County Election Administrator ("Elections Administrator") is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for the General Election. Applications for early voting by mail may be delivered to the Elections Administrator at the following address:

Early Voting Clerk P.O. Box 961011 Fort Worth, Texas 76161-0011

Not earlier than January 1, 2023 and not later than close of business on April 25, 2023, if delivered in person, and if delivered by mail. Early voting ballots shall be mailed to the Elections Administrator at the same address.

- (c) Early voting by Ballot Board: Early voting both by personal appearance and by mail shall be canvassed by the Early Voting Ballot Board established by Tarrant County under the terms of the agreement.
- **Section 6:** Appointment of Election Judge and Alternate Election Judge: The Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge shall be appointed by Tarrant County as authorized by Chapter 271 of the Election Code.
- **Section 7:** The election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Election Code, and all resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at the election.
- **Section 9:** This ordinance shall become effective after the date of passage and adoption by the Library Board Trustees of the City of Forest Hill, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Forest Hill Library District on this 23rd day of January 2023.

APPROVED:

Michael Hardrick, Library Director

ATTEST:

Sharon Peevy, Board of Trustee Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nicole Houston-Johnson, Board of Trustee President