

**TOWN OF PANTEGO, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-921**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PANTEGO, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 4, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING TOWN COUNCIL PLACE 1, TOWN COUNCIL PLACE 2, AND TOWN COUNCIL PLACE 3; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH TARRANT COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- WHEREAS,** the Town of Pantego (“Town”) is a Type A General Law Municipality in Tarrant County, Texas, created in accordance with the provisions of Local Government Code, Chapter 6, and operating pursuant to enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 22.003 of the Local Government Code provides that such municipalities shall elect officers annually on a uniform election date; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 41.001(a) of the Election Code (“Code”) establishes the first Saturday of May as a uniform election date; and
- WHEREAS,** the two-year terms of those currently serving in Town Council Places 1, 2, and 3 will expire in May 2024; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 3.004(a)(3) of the Code provides that, as the governing body, the Town Council shall be the authority to order elections; and
- WHEREAS,** other Tarrant entities are expected to hold elections on this uniform date, the Council deems it convenient and prudent to enter into a joint election agreement with Tarrant County Elections Administration, as authorized in Chapter 271 of the Code; and
- WHEREAS,** the intention of the Council, via adoption of this Ordinance, is to order a General Election to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at which time registered voters shall have the opportunity to elect qualified persons to fill the expiring terms of Town Council Place 1, Town Council Place 2, and Town Council Place 3, to designate a polling place, to appoint officers for the Election, to establish procedures for the Election, and to authorize and direct the Mayor to execute a joint election agreement with Tarrant County Elections (the “Agreement”) for conducting the Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF PANTEGO, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. A general election (the “Election”) is hereby ordered to be held Saturday, May 4, 2024, at which time registered voters shall have the opportunity to elect qualified candidates to serve as Town Council Place 1, Town Council Place 2, and Town Council Place 3, each for a term of two (2) years, or until their successor is duly elected (or appointed) and qualified. The Election shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Code and held, via the Agreement, in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, located at 1614 South Bowen Road, Pantego, Texas 76013, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Direct Recording Electronic (“DRE”) voting machines will be utilized on the day of the Election and for early voting by personal appearance; and electronic equipment for mail-in ballots. Following a public canvass of election returns, any runoff required

shall be held in accordance with the Code on a date agreed upon by and between the Town and Tarrant County Elections.

SECTION 2. For said Election, the entire incorporated boundaries of the Town constitute a single voting precinct (Precinct 2112). All resident qualified electors of the Town shall be permitted to vote at said Election, which shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Code and the Texas Constitution.

SECTION 3. Qualified persons wishing to appear on the Election ballot must file an application with the City Secretary's Office, located in Town Hall (1614 South Bowen Road, Pantego, Texas 76013), during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday). The filing period begins at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 17, 2024, and ends at 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 16, 2024. Applications cannot be accepted before or after this filing period.

SECTION 4. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the Agreement for said Election with Tarrant County Elections Administration. Such Agreement shall provide: (a) the type of DRE and electronic voting equipment to be used; (b) requirements related to notification and training of election judges and clerks; and (c) the projected cost and payment terms for all related items and services including, but not limited to, compensation for election judges and clerks and voting machine rental.

The Agreement may also provide for the appointment of a Central Counting Station Manager, Tabulation Supervisor, and Tabulation Assistant for processing of the early voting ballots and other positions, appointments, or requirements under the law necessary for the conduct of said election for and on behalf of the Town. In the event of conflict between this Ordinance and the Agreement, the Agreement shall control.

SECTION 5. Under the Agreement, Tarrant County Elections Administrator Clint Ludwig (or his successor or designee) acting pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 601.002, shall conduct the Election, is hereby designated to serve as Early Voting Clerk, and shall appoint officers to the Early Voting Ballot Board, which is responsible for canvassing early voting returns.

SECTION 6. The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge shall be appointed by Tarrant County Elections Administration, as authorized in Chapter 271 of the Code.

SECTION 7. Tarrant County registered voters are eligible to request and receive a ballot by mail by submitting an Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) if any of the following prevents them from voting in person during early voting or on election day: (a) sixty-five (65) years of age or older; (b) disability; (c) expected to give birth within three (3) weeks before or after election day; (d) expected absence from the County during both the early voting period and on election day (ballot must be mailed to an address outside of Tarrant County); (e) confinement in jail (not finally convicted of a felony) or other involuntary commitment; or (f) any other purpose for which voting by mail is authorized by the Code.

Qualified voters may obtain an ABBM (in English, Spanish, or Vietnamese) by visiting Tarrant County Elections at 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111-3011, or online at elections.tarrantcountytexas.gov/balotbymail. You can request a printed ABBM (in English or Spanish) be mailed to you by visiting the Secretary of State's website at bbm.sos.state.tx.us/bbm.asp.

Completed ABBMs may be submitted beginning January 1, 2024, and must be received by Tarrant County Elections Administration no later than close of business on the eleventh (11th) day before Election Day (Tuesday, April 23, 2024). Completed applications may be submitted by mail to Tarrant County Elections, PO Box 961011, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0011; by courier or other hand delivery to 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, TX 76111-3011; by fax to 817-850-2344; or by email to votemail@tarrantcounty.com. If an ABBM is faxed or emailed, the original must also be mailed and received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the fourth (4th) business day after it was originally submitted via fax or email.

SECTION 8.

A. EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE. Early voting by personal appearance shall commence Monday, April 22, 2024, and shall continue daily, until Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at the locations designated in the Agreement. Hours for early voting by personal appearance shall be as follows:

MONDAY, APRIL 22 THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 26	8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, APRIL 27	7:00 A.M. – 7:00 A.M.
SUNDAY, APRIL 28	10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
MONDAY, APRIL 29 AND TUESDAY, APRIL 30	7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

B. EARLY VOTING BY MAIL. Clint Ludwig, the Tarrant County Chief Deputy Elections Administrator (“Elections Administrator”), or his successor or designee, is hereby designated as Early Voting Clerk for this election. Applications for early voting by mail (ABBMs) may be obtained and must be submitted as defined in Section 7 (above). Early voting by mail (absentee) ballots shall be mailed to the Tarrant County Elections Administrator (or his successor or designee) at P.O. Box 961011, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0011; or delivered via courier or hand delivery to 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, TX 76111-3011.

All voted ballots that are received by the Elections Administrator on or before the date of the Election (“Election Day”) shall be counted. Voted ballots received on the first (1st) business day after Election Day shall also be counted if they were postmarked by Election Day. Voted ballots mailed from U.S. citizens residing outside the United States may be counted if clearly postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Elections Administrator not later than the fifth (5th) day after Election Day. ABBMs and ballots by mail can be tracked at <https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/BallotTrackerApp>.

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 Elections under the terms of the Agreement.

D. EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES. Locations for voting by personal appearance during early voting shall be stated in the Agreement.

SECTION 9. Tarrant County Election’s Hart InterCivic Verity Voting System shall be used for all forms of voting for the Election including Election Day voting at all polling locations, early voting by personal appearance, early voting by mail, and provisional voting. All expenditures necessary to conduct the Election, purchase of materials

therefore, and employment of all Election officials are hereby authorized and shall be conducted in accordance with the Code.

SECTION 10. The Mayor and the City Secretary, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of federal and state law in conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein. Tarrant County Elections Administration is hereby authorized to make such submissions as are necessary to the United States Justice Department to seek pre-clearance for any changes in voting practices as authorized by the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

SECTION 11. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to provide notice of the Election as required by Chapter 4 of the Code.

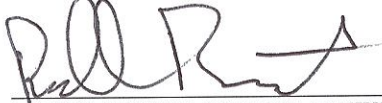
SECTION 12. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage upon signature by the Mayor and publication, if required.

AND SO, IT IS ORDAINED, ON THIS, THE 22ND DAY OF JANUARY 2024, BY A VOTE OF 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, AND 0 ABSTENTIONS DURING A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PANTEGO, TEXAS.

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY LESLIE E. GALLOWAY

APPROVE:


MAYOR RUSSELL "RUSS" S. BREWSTER



ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL PARA MUNICIPOS

An election is hereby ordered to be held on 05/04/2024 for the purpose of voting on:
(Por la presente se ordena celebrar una elección el 05/04/2024 con el propósito de votar sobre:)

List Offices/Propositions/Measures on the ballot:

(Enúmere los puestos/proposiciones/medidas oficiales en la boleta:)

- Pantego Town Council, Place 1 (Miembro del Consejo del Pueblo de Pantego, Lugar 1)
- Pantego Town Council, Place 2 (Miembro del Consejo del Pueblo de Pantego, Lugar 2)
- Pantego Town Council, Place 3 (Miembro del Consejo del Pueblo de Pantego, Lugar 3)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at:

(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo en:)

Center for Community Service Junior League of Arlington,
4002 W Pioneer Parkway, Arlington, Texas 76013

April 22 - 26, 2024 (22 - 26 de abril de 2024)	Monday to Friday (lunes a viernes)	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
April 27, 2024 (27 de abril de 2024)	Saturday (sábado)	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
April 28, 2024 (28 de abril de 2024)	Sunday (domingo)	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
April 29 and 30, 2024 (29 y 30 de abril de 2024)	Monday and Tuesday (lunes y martes)	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Address (Dirección): Tarrant County Elections, PO Box 961011, Fort Worth, Texas 76161-0011

Express Courier Delivery (entrega urgente de mensajería):

Tarrant County Elections, 2700 Premier St., Fort Worth, Texas 76111-3011

Fax Number (Número de fax): 817-850-2344

Telephone Number (Número de teléfono): 817-831-8683

Email Address (Dirección de Correo Electrónico): votebymail@tarrantcounty.com

Early Voting Clerk's Website (Sitio web del Secretario/a de Votación Adelantada):

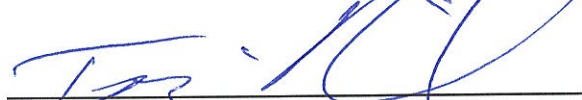
www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections/voting-by-mail.html

Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBM)s or Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo o La Tarjeta Federal Postal de Solicitud deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el:) 04/23/2024

ISSUED THIS THE 22nd DAY OF JANUARY 2024. (EMITIDA ESTE DÍA 22 DE ENERO, 2024.)



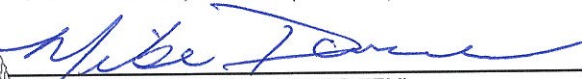
SIGNATURE OF (FIRMA DEL) MAYOR (ALCALDE)
RUSSELL BREWSTER



COUNCILMEMBER (MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO)
TORI ROEMMICH, PLACE 1 (LUGAR 1)



COUNCILMEMBER (MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO)
TYLER LOE, PLACE 2 (LUGAR 2)



MAYOR PRO TEM (ALCALDE PRO TEM)
MIKE DUNCAN, PLACE 3 (LUGAR 3)



COUNCILMEMBER (MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO)
GREGG KIDD, PLACE 4 (LUGAR 4)



COUNCILMEMBER (MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO)
JEFF BROWN, PLACE 5 (LUGAR 5)

