

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2018.01ELE**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2018, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THAT ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Aurora, Texas ("City") is a Type A General Law Municipality located in Wise County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the regular election for City Council members of Aurora is required to be held on May 5, 2018, at which time the voters will elect persons to fill the offices of the Mayor; Ward I, Place 2; Ward II, Place 1; and Ward III, Place 2; and

**WHEREAS**, by this Resolution, it is the intention of the City Council to designate a polling place for the election, to appoint the necessary election officers and to establish and set forth procedures for conducting the election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, TEXAS, THAT:**

**Section 1. General Election Called.** An election is hereby called to elect the offices of Councilman Ward I, Place 1; Ward II, Place 2; and Ward III, Place 1 to serve from May of 2018 until May of 2020 or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The election shall be held at Aurora City Hall, 303 Derting Road, Aurora, Texas 76078, on the 5th day of May, 2018, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**Section 2. Application for Place on Ballot.** Qualified persons may file as candidates for the General Election by filing applications in the office of the City Administrator/Secretary from 10:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from January 17, 2018 through February 16, 2018.

**Section 3. Early Voting.**

**a. Early voting by personal appearance.** Early voting by personal appearance shall commence in Aurora City Hall, 303 Derting Road, Aurora, Texas 76078, in the City Administrator/Secretary's office on April 24, 2018, and shall be held each week day through May 1, 2018 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., with expanded hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on April 24, 2018, and May 1, 2018.

**b. Early voting by mail.** Applications for early voting by mail may be delivered to the City Administrator/Secretary of Aurora, 303 Derting Road, Aurora, Texas 76078, not earlier than March 21, 2018 and not later than close of business on March 28, 2018. Early voting by ballots shall be mailed to the City Administrator/Secretary at Aurora City Hall, 303 Derting Road, Aurora, Texas 76078.

**c. Early voting by Ballot Board.** Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail shall be canvassed by the Early Voting Ballot Board which is hereby created. The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Election Judge, appointed

herein, shall serve as the presiding officer and alternate presiding officer, respectively, of the Early Voting Ballot Board. The other election officers serving at the election shall serve as the other members of the Early Voting Ballot Board.

**Section 4. Appointment of Election Judge and Alternate Election Judge.** The following persons shall be the officers who shall conduct the election:

Presiding Election Judge Name: TBD  
Alternate Presiding Judge Name: TBD

And no more than four (4) eligible persons as clerks whom the election judge shall appoint.

The persons named above shall receive compensation not to exceed the limits established by the Texas Election Code.

**Section 5. Method of Voting.** The City Administrator/Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct the General Election, in accordance with this resolution. Paper ballots shall be used for early voting by mail. The Hart Intercivic E-Slate DRE Voting System shall be used for early voting by personal appearance and for voting by personal appearance on Election Day. The City Council hereby adopts for use in early voting and on Election Day voting the Hart Intercivic E-Slate DRE Voting System as approved by the Secretary of State. The Hart Intercivic E-Slate DRE is being leased from Wise County. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials therefore, and the employment of all election officials is hereby authorized, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Election Code.

**Section 6. Governing Law and Qualified Voters.** The election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Code, and all resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at the election.

**Section 7. Publication and Posting of Notice of Election.** Notice of the election shall be given as required by Chapter 4 of the Code.

**Section 8. Submissions to the United States Justice Department.** The City Administrator/Secretary of Aurora is authorized to make such submissions as are necessary to the United States Justice Department to seek pre-clearance for any changes in voting practices.

**Section 9. Delivery of Returns.** In accordance with the Code, immediately after the closing of the polls on the day of the election, the election officers named in this resolution shall make and deliver the returns of the election in triplicate as follows: one copy shall be retained by the Presiding Judge; one copy shall be delivered to the Mayor of the City; and one copy of the returns together with the ballot boxes and all election supplies shall be delivered to the City

Administrator/Secretary. All election records and supplies shall be preserved by the City Administrator/Secretary in accordance with the Code.

**Section 10. Necessary Actions.** The Mayor and the City Administrator/Secretary of the City, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

**Section 11. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018.

**CITY OF AURORA**

*Terry Solomon*

Mayor

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*

City Administrator/Secretary

