

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CAMERON

Ordinance No. 2023-8

“Calling for the General Election on November 7, 2023 on the question of the adoption of four year terms for the mayor and aldermen, and establishing procedures for the election.”

WHEREAS, Chapter 22.035 provides that the term of office for the mayor and aldermen shall be three-years unless a longer term has been established pursuant to Article XI, Section 11 of the Texas Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 11 of the Texas Constitution provides that in a general law city terms of office greater than three years may be enacted by a majority vote of the qualified voters voting at an election called for the purpose of deciding the question of the terms; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Santa Rosa wishes to call such an election; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Texas further provide that the Election Code of the State of Texas is applicable to said election, and in establishing the procedures to be followed in said election and in designating the voting place or places for said election.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, that an election shall be held on November 7, 2023 for the purpose deciding the term of the aldermen; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the ballot shall consist of the following proposition

FOR the adoption of a four-year term for the mayor and aldermen; providing that the term of the mayor and aldermen currently elected shall remain at three years; and further providing that at each subsequent election for the office of mayor and aldermen, the term to be voted upon shall be four years.

AGAINST the adoption of a four-year term for the mayor and aldermen; providing that the term of the mayor and aldermen currently elected shall remain at three years; and further providing that at each subsequent election for the office of mayor and aldermen, the term to be voted upon shall be four years.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the city, having one election precinct, shall be held at the following place or places in said city:

Early Voting: Santa Rosa Maria Luisa Guerra Technology Center, 116 Santa Vista Ave, Santa Rosa, Texas

Election Day: Santa Rosa Maria Luisa Guerra Technology Center, 116 Santa Vista Ave, Santa Rosa, Texas

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that early voting by personal appearance shall be held for said election, as provided by the Texas Election Code, upon the order of the Cameron County Commissioners' Court; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that early voting by mail shall be conducted by requesting a mail-in ballot from the Election Administrator, 1050 E Madison, Brownsville TX 78520, on or before October 24, 2023, and that said ballots shall be returned to the City Secretary at the same address, on or before November 7, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to contract with the Cameron County Elections Administrator for the conduct of the election; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Cameron County Elections Administrator shall be designated as the Early Voting Clerk, the Mail Ballot Clerk and as the custodian of the records of this election;

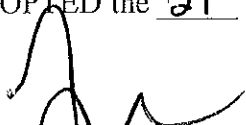
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Cameron County Elections Administrator shall appoint all personnel and officers of the election, and shall include the compensation of said personnel in the expenses of the election; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the method of counting prescribed for this election shall be electronic counting; and

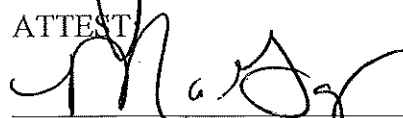
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined as provided in Election Code, Section 52.094; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor shall give notice of this election in accordance with the terms and provisions of Election Code, Section 3.05, that the returns of said election shall be made as provided in the same section, that the Mayor shall issue all necessary orders and writs for said election, and that the returns of said election shall be made available immediately after closing of the polls.

ADOPTED the 21 day of August, 2023.



Jaime Quiroga, Mayor

ATTEST


Maria Gonzalez, City Secretary