

**TOWN OF TROPHY CLUB, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TROPHY CLUB, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024 AND, IF REQUIRED, A RUNOFF ELECTION ON JUNE 15, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO TOWN COUNCIL PLACE 3 AND TOWN COUNCIL PLACE 4; PRESCRIBING THE TIME AND DESIGNATING THE LOCATIONS AND MANNER OF CONDUCTING THE ELECTION TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENTS FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH DENTON AND TARRANT COUNTIES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Trophy Club, Texas (the "Town"), is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and,

WHEREAS, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code (the "Code") specifies that the first Saturday in May shall be a "uniform election date" and that a general election may be held on such day; and,

WHEREAS, state law and the charter of the Town of Trophy Club require that a general election be held; and,

WHEREAS, the regular election for Town Council members of the Town of Trophy Club is required to be held on May 4, 2024, at which time the voters will elect persons to fill the offices of Town Council Place 3 and Town Council Place 4; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that it is in the public interest to enter into a joint election agreement and election services contract with Denton County and Tarrant County to provide the most efficient and convenient voting opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the intention of the Town Council, via adoption of this Ordinance, is to call an election, designate a polling place, appoint necessary election officers, establish procedures for conducting the election, and authorize the Town Manager to execute joint election agreements whereby the general election will be administered by the Denton County and Tarrant County Elections Administrators.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TROPHY CLUB, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

INCORPORATION. The facts and recitations contained in the above preamble of this Ordinance are hereby incorporated herein for all purposes.

SECTION 2.

GENERAL ELECTION CALLED. The Town Council hereby calls and orders a General Uniform Election to be held on May 4, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing Council Members to Town Council Places 3 and 4, for a three-year term each, ending May 2027, or until their successor is duly elected, or appointed, and qualified. Such election shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Code and held via the joint election agreements with both Tarrant and Denton counties, respectively.

SECTION 3.

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT. Eligible persons wishing to file as candidates must file an application with the Town Secretary of the Town of Trophy Club at 1 Trophy Wood Drive, Trophy Club, Texas, 76262, and may do so beginning at 8:00 a.m., January 17, 2024, and continuing through February 16, 2024, until 5:00 p.m. Each application shall be on a form meeting the requirements of Section 141.031 of the Texas Election Code. The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing by the Town Secretary. Notice of the time and place for such drawing shall be given in accordance with the Charter and State Law.

SECTION 4.

AGREEMENT WITH DENTON AND TARRANT COUNTIES. Prior to the election, the Town anticipates that it will enter into an agreement for election services with Denton and Tarrant Counties. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to execute agreements with Denton County and Tarrant County for the conduct of the election in accordance with Chapter 31, Subchapter D of the Code and other applicable statutes and laws. In the event of a conflict between this Ordinance and these agreements, the agreements shall control.

SECTION 5.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATE ELECTION JUDGES. Election judges for the general election shall be appointed by Denton County and Tarrant County, respectively, as authorized by Chapter 271 of the Code.

SECTION 6.

(a) **EARLY VOTING - DENTON COUNTY.** The Denton County Elections Administrator is designated the Early Voting Clerk. Additional Deputy Early Voting Clerks may be appointed as provided in the Denton County Joint Election Agreement ("Denton Agreement").

- (1) Early Voting by personal appearance shall be conducted beginning on April 22, 2024, and continuing through April 30, 2024, at the Denton County Main Early Voting site located at 701 Kimberly Dr., Ste. A111, Denton, Texas, 76208, on the following dates and times:

Date	Time
Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 27	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 28	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, April 29 - Tuesday, April 30	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Any eligible Denton County Registered Voter may cast their vote at any additional early voting location throughout Denton County as established by the Denton Agreement. If there is any discrepancy between this Ordinance and the Denton Agreement as to early voting locations or times, the Denton Agreement shall control.

- (2) Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBM)s and Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) in Denton County may be delivered to the Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 1720, Denton, Texas, 76202; Website: www.votedenton.gov; Phone: 940.349.3200; Fax: 940.349.3201; email: elections@dentoncounty.gov to be received not later than the close of business on April 23, 2024. The Town Secretary is directed to forward the applications and ballots to the Election Administrator as provided in the Denton Agreement.

(b) **EARLY VOTING - TARRANT COUNTY.** The Tarrant County Elections Administrator is designated the Early Voting Clerk. Additional Deputy Early Voting Clerks may be appointed, as provided in the Tarrant County Joint Election Agreement ("Tarrant Agreement").

- (1) Early Voting by personal appearance shall be conducted beginning on April 22, 2024, and continuing through April 30, 2024, at the Tarrant County Main Early Voting site located at 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76111, on the following days and times:

Date	Time
Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 27	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 28	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday, April 29 - Tuesday, April 30	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Any eligible Tarrant County Registered Voter may cast their vote at any additional early voting location throughout Tarrant County as established by the Tarrant Agreement. If there is any discrepancy between this Ordinance and the Tarrant Agreement as to early voting locations or times, the Tarrant Agreement shall control.

- (2) Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBM)s and Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) in Tarrant County may be delivered to the Early Voting Clerk, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76111; Website: <https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/elections.html> Phone:817.831.8683;Fax:817.831.6118; Email: votebymail@tarrantcountytx.gov to be received not later than the close of business on April 23, 2024. The Town Secretary is directed to forward the applications and ballots to the Election Administrator as provided in the Tarrant Agreement.

(c) Early voting both by personal appearance and by mail shall be canvassed by the Early Voting Ballot Board established by Denton County under the Denton Agreement and Tarrant County under the Tarrant Agreement. The Presiding Election Judge and the Alternate Presiding Judge will be appointed by the Denton and Tarrant County Election Administrators as permitted by law. The Presiding Election Judge shall appoint elections clerks as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the election. The Presiding Election Judge, or the Alternative Election Judge, in the absence of the Presiding Election Judge, and the election clerks shall constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board to process early voting results from the election. The Presiding Election Judge and the Alternate Election Judge must be eligible to serve in accordance with state law, and the election clerks shall be qualified voters of the Town. To the extent required by law, those persons designated by Denton and Tarrant Counties as election officers and clerks are hereby appointed by the Town.

SECTION 7.

(a) **METHOD OF VOTING – DENTON COUNTY.** Voting in Denton County shall be conducted using Denton County's Hart InterCivic Verity Voting System. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials therefor, and the employment of all election officials are hereby authorized and shall be conducted in accordance with the Code.

(b) **METHOD OF VOTING – TARRANT COUNTY.** Voting in Tarrant County shall be conducted using Tarrant County's Hart InterCivic Verity Voting System. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials therefor, and the employment of all election officials are hereby authorized and shall be conducted in accordance with the Code.

SECTION 8.

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 Town shall be eligible to vote at the election.

SECTION 9.

PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF ELECTION. Notice of the election shall be published in accordance with Chapter 4 (Sec 4.003) of the Code.

SECTION 10.

RUN-OFF ELECTION. In the event no candidate receives a majority of votes for an office, there shall be a run-off election held on June 15, 2024.

SECTION 11.

NECESSARY ACTIONS. The Mayor and the Town Secretary, in consultation with the Town Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions federal and state law in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein. Tarrant County and Denton County are 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 12.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Trophy Club, Texas, this 8th day of January 2024.




APPROVED:



Jeannette Tiffany, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy Dixon, Town Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Dean Roggia, Town Attorney