ORDINANCE NUMBER 1031

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL HOME-RULE ELECTION IN THE CITY OF BURKBURNETT, TEXAS, TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS, FOR ADOPTION OR REJECTION, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BURKBURNETT, TEXAS, AS AMENDED; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the governing body of a Texas home-rule municipality on its own motion may submit a proposed charter amendment to the qualified voters of the City at an election for their approval;

WHEREAS, the housing opportunities within the City limits are limited making it difficult to secure a permanent residence within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Burkburnett, Texas, in the exercise of the discretion reposed in it by the Constitution and laws of this State, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code, has determined to submit an amendment of the existing Charter of the City of Burkburnett regarding the residency requirement for the City Manager in Article V, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Burkburnett at a special election to be held concurrently with the general election to be held May 6, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BURKBURNETT, TEXAS:

Part 1
ELECTION ORDER AND NOTICE OF ELECTION

There is hereby ordered a Special Election to be participated in by the qualified voters of the City of Burkburnett, Texas, to be held on the 1st Saturday in May, being the 6th day of May 2023, between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City, for adoption or rejection, an amendment to the residence requirement for the City Manager in Article V, Section 2 of the existing Charter of the City of Burkburnett, Texas.

Part 2
PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amending Article V, Section 2 of the City Charter currently requires that an individual appointed as City Manager who does not live in the Burkburnett City Limits at the time of appointment must move to within the City limits within ninety (90) days after appointment. The Board of Commissioners is considering a change to the City Manager residency requirement and will finalize the ballot language at its February 2023 meeting.
Part 3
OFFICIAL BALLOT

The official ballots to be used in this special election shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code, shall state each proposed amendment separately and distinctly so that the voters shall pass upon each amendment separately and apart from another so that each voter may vote “For” or “Against” any amendment or amendments without voting “For” or “Against” all such amendments.

Part 4
POLLING PLACES

SECTION 1. The polling place for Precincts No. 204, and 205 will be held at the Burkburnett Community Center Building, 735 Davy, Burkburnett, Texas and shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day May 6, 2023, with Laurie Munson as Presiding Judge and Eloise Law as Alternate Presiding Judge. The Presiding Judge shall appoint the necessary clerks to assist on Election Day.

SECTION 2. The Presiding Judge of said election shall serve as the Presiding Officer of the Early Voting Ballot Board in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 3. Margie Poole, City Clerk, is hereby appointed the Early Voting Clerk, and early voting shall be conducted at City Hall, 501 Sheppard Road, Burkburnett, Texas, in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Early voting shall begin on April 24, 2023, and end on May 2, 2023, and shall be conducted Monday through Friday during the regular business hours of the City Clerk’s office, which are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 4. Notice of posting and publishing of said election and the preparation of ballots for said election will be in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 5. The Board of Commissioners of the City of Burkburnett shall canvass the election not earlier than the third day nor later than the eleventh day after said election in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

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Lori Kemp, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Margie Poole, City Clerk