



An ordinance ordering a Joint General Election between the City of Victoria, Victoria County, and Victoria Independent School District on Saturday, May 3, 2025 for Mayor, City Council District 5, and City Council District 6.

Now therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Victoria, Texas:

1. A Joint General Election shall be held for the City of Victoria, Texas (the "City") on the 3rd day of May, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the election of Mayor, City Council District 5, and City Council District 6.
2. Notice of the election shall be given, and the election shall be held, in compliance with the provisions of the Texas law in all respects. The ballots for the election shall comply with the Texas law.
3. Early voting by personal appearance shall take place at the Patti Dodson Health Center, 2805 N. Navarro, Victoria, Texas, beginning April 22, 2025 and ending on April 29, 2025. Early voting will take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. with the exception of Friday, April 25, 2025 when early voting will be conducted from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
4. The City Secretary is authorized to give or cause to be given notices required for the election, and to take such other and further action as is required to conduct the election in compliance with the Texas law and City's Charter.
5. The Victoria County Elections Administrator is hereby appointed administrator and early voting clerk for this election. The Victoria County Elections Administrator will conduct the election, handle the administrative details, and provide the returns of the city election for canvassing by the City Council, all in accordance with the City Charter and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.
6. The use of direct recording entry voting system for Election Day and early voting in person is hereby authorized. The use of optically scanned paper ballots for early voting by mail is further authorized.
7. Brenda Hanselka is appointed Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board for canvassing the early voting ballots for this election.
8. All expenses of this joint election shall be prorated among the political subdivisions named herein in the manner to be provided by a Joint Election Agreement to be executed by them, and the City Manager is authorized to execute said election agreement, in a form to be approved by the City Attorney.

9. If any portion of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall be held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions hereof shall nevertheless be valid, the same as if the portion or portions held unconstitutional had not been adopted.

10. This ordinance is being called on an emergency basis at the recommendation of the Texas Secretary of State's office because a city must order its general election not later than the 78th day before election day according to Election Code section 3.005(c). This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage by this City Council by a favorable vote of five or more members of the City Council.

Passed, this the 4th day of February, 2025

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Approved and adopted, this the 4th day of February, 2025



Duane Crocker,
Mayor of the City of Victoria



Allison E. Lacey,
City Attorney



April Hilbrich,
City Secretary

