



**ORDINANCE NO. 24-0723-01**

**AN ORDINANCE CALLING AND ORDERING AN ELECTION BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF WHITEHOUSE, TEXAS, ON TUESDAY THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING MAYOR (TWO YEAR TERM) AND TWO COUNCILMEMBERS (TWO YEAR TERMS) TO COUNCIL PLACES TWO AND FOUR.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHOUSE, TEXAS:**

**SECTION I. ELECTION ORDERED**

That in compliance with the various stipulations of the Whitehouse City Charter and the laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, an election be and is hereby called and ordered for the FIRST TUESDAY in the month of November 2024 the same being the 5<sup>th</sup> day of said month, at which election all qualified voters may vote for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Councilmembers for two year terms.

**SECTION II. BALLOT**

The Smith County Election's Administrator shall prepare ballots to be used in said election with the names of the candidates for the position of Council members. The Places of the different Council members shall be designated on the Official Ballot as Mayor, City of Whitehouse, Council Place 2, City of Whitehouse and Council Place 4, City of Whitehouse.

**SECTION III. FILING OF APPLICATION**

That no person's name shall be placed upon the Official Ballot as a candidate for the position of a member of the City Council unless such person has filed a sworn application, as provided by the Whitehouse City Charter and the laws of Texas, with the City Secretary at least seventy-one (71) days prior to the election date, and it must appear on the face of the application, NUMBER/POSITON of the PLACE of the Council member that said candidate is seeking.

**SECTION IV. FILING OF LOYALTY OATH**

That it shall appear to the City Secretary, before said candidate's name is entered on the Official Ballot, that he/she has filed an affidavit of loyalty with the City Secretary, as required by the Whitehouse City Charter and the Election Code of the State of Texas.

## SECTION V. BALLOT ORDER AND ELECTION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE(S)

That in the event that there are two or more candidates for the same Council member's PLACE as MEMBER OF COUNCIL, the position of such candidates' name on the Official Ballot shall be determined by a drawing of candidates. However, in the event that there is only one candidate seeking each Council member's PLACE as MEMBER OF COUNCIL, as soon as possible after the filing deadlines for placement on the ballot and on the list of write-in candidates, the City Secretary shall certify in writing that all candidates are unopposed for the election, the governing body of the political subdivision by order or ordinance may declare each unopposed candidate elected to office, thereby cancelling the election.

## SECTION VI. VOTING SYSTEM

Pursuant to a Joint Election Agreement, Smith County Elections shall be responsible for a voting system that complies with law. Smith County Elections shall be responsible for the preparation of the official ballots for the election, and they shall conform to the requirements of the Code, and in so doing shall permit the voter to vote for Mayor and (2) Council Members for two (2) year terms each. No voter shall vote for more than Mayor and (2) Council Members for two (2) year terms each.

## SECTION VII. ELECTION OF CANDIDATES

That any candidate receiving a majority of all votes cast for the office for which he/she is a candidate shall be elected to such office. In the event of a tie, the MAYOR shall cause said tie to be resolved in compliance with the provisions set aside in the Whitehouse City Charter and the Texas Election Code.

## SECTION VIII. EARLY VOTING

Early voting by personal appearance dates, hours and locations are attached as Exhibit A

The Early Voting Clerk for this election shall be as follows:

Smith County Elections Administrator

Smith County Elections

302 E. Ferguson

Tyler, TX 75702

903-590-4777

[selections@smith-county.com](mailto:selections@smith-county.com)

<https://www.smith-county.com/government/departments/elections/current-election-information>

## SECTION IX. NOTICE AND PUBLICATION

That this ordinance, signed by the COUNCIL and attested by the City Secretary, shall constitute the ordinance of the COUNCIL calling, and ordering said election, and that such notice shall be published by the City Secretary in accordance to Texas Election Code and the City of Whitehouse Charter.

SECTION X. POLLING PLACES

That the POLLING PLACES for this election except insofar as they may be changed by the CITY COUNCIL is attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION XI. BALLOTS BY MAIL

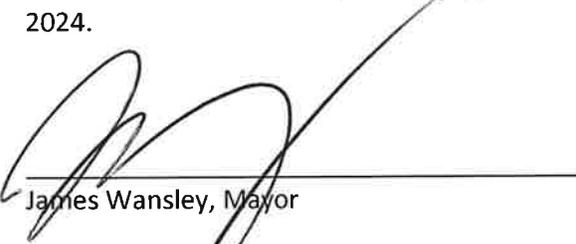
Applications for Ballots By Mail (ABBM)s and Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. on October 25, 2024. Applications shall be mailed to:

Smith County Elections Administrator  
Smith County Elections  
302 E. Ferguson  
Tyler, TX 75702

Section XII. EFFECTIVE

That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Whitehouse, Texas, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2024.



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James Wansley, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Susan Hargis, City Secretary

**NOVEMBER 5, 2024**  
**GENERAL ELECTION & SPECIAL ELECTION**

**EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES**

**LOCATIONS**

First Christian Church: Christian Life Center Room 5: 4202 S Broadway Ave, Tyler, TX 75701

Heritage Building: 1900 Bellwood Road, Tyler, TX 75701

**Main Location** The HUB: 304 E. Ferguson Street, Tyler, TX 75702

Lindale Kinzie Community Center: 912 Mt. Sylvan St., Lindale, TX 75771

Noonday Community Center: 16662 CR 196, Tyler, TX 75703

Whitehouse Methodist Church: 405 W. Main Street, Whitehouse, TX 75791

**Dates and Hours**

Monday - Friday, October 21 - 25 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 26 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 27 from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday, October 28 - November 1 from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES**

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Locations to be determined and will be available at

<https://www.smith-county.com/government/departments/elections/current-election-information>