Village of Webberville

ORDINANCE No. 2016 - 01

GENERAL ELECTION ORDER

AN ORDINANCE CALLING AND ORDERING THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR VILLAGE OFFICERS TO BE HELD ON THE SECOND SATURDAY IN MAY, THAT BEING THE UNIFORM ELECTION DATE OF MAY 7, 2016, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO COMMISSIONERS FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE, TEXAS, AND MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the terms for the Mayor and two (2) Village Commissioners are scheduled to expire at the next uniform election date, that being May 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the next regular municipal election day for the Village of Webberville, Texas ("Village"), is the uniform election day occurring on May 7, 2016,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE THAT:

1. ELECTION

- **A.** An election (the "Election") is hereby called to elect the following municipal officers: the Mayor and two (2) Village Commissioners, all of whom are to be elected at-large.
- **B.** The Election shall be held on the next uniform election date, that being the first Saturday in May (May 7, 2016) ("Election Day").
- C. The hours during which the polling place(s) will be open on Election Day shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **D.** The Election shall be solely for those who are qualified voters of the Village of Webberville, and they alone shall be entitled to vote.

2. POSITIONS

- **A.** At such Election, candidates for the following positions shall be submitted: Mayor and two (2) Village Commissioners. The Village Commissioners shall be elected as Commissioner (1) and Commissioner (2).
- **B.** A candidate's application for a place on Election ballot must be filed no later than by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2016.

3. BALLOTS

A paper ballot and/or compatible equipment for such an Election, as defined and described in the Texas Election Code, shall be utilized for the Election. Ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code, so as to permit the electors to vote for the candidate(s) of their choice, whom shall appear on the ballot for the following positions: the Mayor and two (2) Village Commissioners, all of whom are to be elected at-large.

4. CONDUCT OF ELECTION

The Election shall be conducted by election officers appointed by the Village Commission and pursuant to an agreement for election services entered into with the Travis County Clerk – Elections Division, in accordance with the Texas Election Code, the Constitution, and laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America. In the event of any discrepancy between this Election Order and the aforementioned agreement, the terms of the agreement and its provisions shall prevail.

5. APPOINTMENTS

- A. The Village Commission hereby appoints the Travis County Clerk as the Election Officer for the sole purpose of conducting the election, early voting related thereto, tabulation of votes, and the custody of any records from such election. This appointment includes services as the Joint Early Voting Clerk for the Election, except for the receipt of applications and ballots for early voting by mail, provision for which is specifically made in section 8, below.
- **B.** The rate of pay for each election judge and clerk shall be in accordance with state law.

6. PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES

- **A.** The Travis County Elections Administrator will conduct this Election as a joint election with Travis County.
- **B.** Travis County will determine the locations of the precincts and polling places. Upon Travis County's determination, the Village of Webberville will post notice of these locations. For further information, the Travis County Elections Division may be contacted.

7. INFORMATION IN SPANISH

Notices, instructions, ballots, and other written material pertaining to the Election shall be translated into the Spanish language. This material shall be furnished to voters in both English and Spanish in order to enable voters to properly participate in the election process. In addition, the Village shall provide the services of a translator speaking both English and Spanish languages to voters who notify the Village of the need for such a service.

8. VOTING BY MAIL

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:

Dana DeBeauvoir Travis County Early Voting Clerk P.O. Box 149325 Austin, TX 78714-9325

Applications for ballot by mail must be received (**received**, not postmarked) no later than no later than the close of business 11 days before election day, to wit: by the close of business on April 26, 2016.

9. EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE

- **A.** The Travis County Clerk shall serve as the Joint Early Voting Clerk for all purposes. The Early Voting Clerk shall have the authority to designate such deputy early voting Clerks as may be necessary to staff the Early Voting Polling Place established under this Order.
- **B.** Early Voting polling place(s) shall be at all Travis County Early Voting Locations.
- **C.** Early Voting dates and times shall be as follows, unless otherwise provided by the Travis County Clerk:

April 25 - May 3: 7 am - 7 pm each day (Monday - Saturday) 12 pm – 6pm on Sunday May 1

10. AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE

The Mayor of the Village of Webberville is authorized to execute and the Village Clerk or the Deputy Village Clerk is authorized to attest this Ordinance on behalf of the Village Commission. The Mayor is further authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.

11. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

12. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING

A quorum of the Village Commission was present at the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted. The meeting was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this, the 17^{th} day of February 2016, by a vote of $\frac{3}{2}$ ayes, $\frac{3}{2}$ nays, $\frac{3}{2}$ abstentions of the Village Commission of the Village of Webberville, Texas.

VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE

Hector Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carissa Cannaday, Village Clerk