## ORDINANCE NO. 2021.0830.001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PRAIRIE VIEW CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-0816-001 CALLING FOR AN ELECTION REFERENDUM TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT AND ITS ONE-FOURTH CENT (.002500%) SALES TAX FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS; AND AUTHORZING APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR ELECTION SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the current authorization for the Prairie View Crime Control and Prevention District, codified under Chapter 363 of the Texas Local Government Code will expire end of the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 363 of the Texas Local Government Code provides for a process by which the Prairie View Crime Control and Prevention District shall continue beyond its initial term, if an election is held and the majority of votes cast in said election are in favor of the continuation of the District; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 363 further provides that the Board of Directors of the Prairie View Crime Control and Prevention District shall order said election if a majority of the Prairie View City Council adopts an ordinance requesting a continuation, after notice and public hearing on the matter; and

WHEREAS, at its a meeting on August 14, 2021, the Prairie View City Council, after notice thereof as required by law, held a public hearing on the questions of whether to continue the Prairie View Crime Control and Prevention District, at which hearing all persons were given the opportunity to present evidence on the matter; and

WHEREAS, following said public hearing, the Prairie View City Council desires that the Prairie View Crime Control and Prevention District and its one-fourth cent (.002500) sales tax be continued for an additional five (5) years, and that the Board of Directors of the District order a referendum election to be held on November 2, 2021, on continuation of same; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has since determined that is should engage the services of the Waller County Election Administrator and is therefore required to revise its Election Order to reflect the correct early voting clerk, polling locations and other relevant information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITIY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the Prairie View City Council requests the Board of Directors of the Prairie View Crime Control and Prevention District to order a referendum election to be held on November 2, 2021, on the continuation of the district and its one-fourth cent sales (.002500) tax for five (5) years, at which election the qualified voters residing in the District shall have the opportunity to vote for or against the following proposition;

"Whether the PRAIRIE VIEW Crime Control and Prevention District should be continued for ten (10) years and the Crime Control and Prevention District sales tax of one-fourth cent (.002500) should be continued for five (5) years."

- **Section 2.** The election shall be conducted according to the Texas Election Code and the Texas Constitution. Election Day voting will be conducted on November 2, 2021, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. The polling places for Election Day are listed on Exhibit A, attached hereto, and incorporated herein for all purposes.
- Section 3. The Waller County Election Administrator, along with any additional designees, shall serve as the early voting clerk. Early voting begins Monday, October 18, 2021, and ends on Friday, October 29, 2021. Extended voting hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. will be on Thursday, October 28, 2021, and Friday, October 29, 2021. Application for ballots by mail shall be submitted to the Waller County Election Administrator, 816 Wilkins Street, Hempstead, Texas 77445. The Early Voting locations shall be located as stated in Exhibit B, attached hereto, and incorporated herein for all purposes.
- **Section 4.** That Notice of the elections ordered herein, be given in the manner prescribed by Texas Election Code Ann., Title 1, Chapter 4, Sections 4.003, 4.004, 4.007 and 4.008, and a record of notice of the election be retained as provided in Texas Election Code Section 4.005.
- **Section 5.** The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to negotiate and enter into one or more contracts for election services, including a joint election agreement, in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code in such form as shall be approved by the Mayor and the City Attorney.
- Section 6. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council of the City that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

Section 7. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public and that 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, as amended.

Section 8. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 30th day of August 2021.

CITY OF PRAIRIE VIEW

Brian Rowland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terralyn J. May, City Secretary

