



City of Richmond

Where History Meets Opportunity

Regular Scheduled City Commission Workshop via Telephone Conference call (pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.125)

Monday, August 10, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.

Mayor Evalyn Moore

Commissioner Terry Gaul
Commissioner Carl Drozd

Commissioner Barry Beard
Commissioner Alex BeMent

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City Commission Meeting Agenda

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AGENDA

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- A2. Public comments (Public comment is limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per item. No Deliberations with the Commission. Time may not be given to another speaker.)
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- A5. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-20, amending Ordinance No. 2020-01 calling a General Election to elect the Mayor on May 2, 2020, and postponed until November 3, 2020 by Ordinance No. 2020-10.
- A6. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-21, calling a special election to submit propositions on amendments to the City of Richmond Home Rule Charter.
- A7. Adjournment.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Agenda, the Commission shall determine that an executive session of the Commission, should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this Agenda, then such executive session, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, will be held by the Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Agenda concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071-551.090 of the Texas Government Code, including, but not limited to, Section 551.072 – for purpose of deliberating regarding real property on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

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If you have any questions please let me know.
Terri Vela

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Certified Tax Roll vs. Budget

Summary of Budget Vs. Certified Tax Roll

Tax Levy		Tax Notice Rates	
Taxable Value to City	589,983,355	Comparison of Rates	
Per 100	5,899,834	Voter Approval Rate	0.687773
Collection @ 98%	5,781,837	No-new-revenue Rate	0.665283
Tax Rate	0.687772	Proposed Tax Rate	0.687772
Tax Levy	3,976,586	Debt Service Tax Rate	0.182114

Distribution of Tax Certified Roll			
Type	Amount	% Distribution	Rate Dist
Operations & Maintenance	2,923,632	73.52%	0.50566
Debt Service	1,052,953	26.48%	0.18211
Tax Levy	3,976,586	100.00%	0.68777

Budgeted			
Type	General Fund	Debt Service	Total
Current	2,960,000	1,014,927	3,974,927
Delinquent	65,000	20,000	85,000
Penalties & Interest	50,000	50,000	100,000
Total Budget	3,075,000	1,084,927	4,159,927

Budget vs. Current Portion	(36,368)	38,026	1,659
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Variable Portion of Revenue			
Type	General Fund	Debt Service	Total
Delinquent	65,000	20,000	85,000
Penalties & Interest	50,000	50,000	100,000
Total Variable revenue	115,000	70,000	185,000

Certified Tax Roll Revised Budget			
	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total
Revision			
Current Portion	2,923,632	1,052,953	3,976,586
Delinquent	65,000	20,000	85,000
Penalties & Interest	50,000	50,000	100,000
Re-Estimate	3,038,632	1,122,953	4,161,586
Variance	(36,368)	38,026	1,659

Analysis of Certified Tax Roll

CITY OF RICHMOND TAX ROLL	2019 tax year Certified Tax Roll					2020 tax year Certified Tax Roll					2020 tax year	
	ARB Approved Totals (\$)	Gross	Under ARB Review Totals	Value from properties under ARB 95%	Total ARB Approved + 9% of ARB Review	ARB Approved Totals	Gross	Under ARB Review Totals	Value from properties under ARB 89%	Total ARB Approved + 90% of ARB Review	Δ % YOY	Δ \$ YOY
C15 - CITY OF Richmond												
No. of Items												
Land												
Land - Homesite	52,233,911	355,370	337,602		52,571,513	53,565,891	656,510	584,294		54,150,185	3.00%	1,578,672
Land - Non Home Site	97,528,987	331,200	314,640		97,843,627	99,583,546	1,386,130	1,233,656		100,817,202	3.04%	2,973,575
Land - AG Market	6,247,680	752,680	715,046		6,962,726	4,153,400	1,688,010	1,502,329		5,655,729	-18.77%	(1,306,997)
Land - Timber market	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	0.00%	-
Land - Exempt Ag/Timber Market	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	0.00%	-
Total Land Market Value	156,010,578	1,439,250	1,367,288	0.92%	157,377,866	157,302,837	3,730,650	3,320,278	2.37%	160,623,115	2.06%	3,245,250
Improvements												
Improvements - Homesite	256,478,239	593,020	563,369		257,041,608	264,725,569	4,179,080	3,719,381		268,444,950	4.44%	11,403,342
Improvements - Non Homesite	428,642,911	239,228	227,267		428,870,178	426,635,041	3,908,069	3,478,181		430,113,222	0.29%	1,243,045
Total Improvements	685,121,150	832,248	790,636	0.12%	685,911,786	691,360,610	8,087,149	7,197,562	1.17%	698,558,172	1.84%	12,646,387
Other												
Personal property	66,858,171	3,531,608	3,355,028		70,213,199	59,268,070	6,005,002	5,344,452		64,612,522	-7.98%	(5,600,677)
Minerals	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	0.00%	-
Autos	-	1,123,430	1,067,259		1,067,259	-	1,357,140	1,207,855		1,207,855	13.17%	140,596
Total Market Value	907,989,899	6,926,536	6,580,210	0.76%	914,570,109	907,931,517	19,179,941	17,070,147	2.11%	925,001,664	1.14%	10,431,555
Total Homestead Cap Adj	3,936,268	27,930	26,534		3,962,802	5,827,630	194,300	172,927		6,000,557	51.42%	2,037,755
Total Exempt Property	333,566,642	-	-		333,566,642	314,569,161	2,300	2,047		314,571,208	-5.69%	(18,995,434)
Productivity												
Total productivity Market (Non Exempt)	6,247,680	752,680	715,046		6,962,726	4,153,400	1,688,010	1,502,329		5,655,729	-18.77%	(1,306,997)
Ag Use	17,590	6,380	6,061		23,651	8,850	5,200	4,628		13,478	-43.01%	(10,173)
Timber use	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	0.00%	-
Total Productivity Loss	6,230,090	746,300	708,985	11.98%	6,939,075	4,144,550	1,682,810	1,497,701	40.60%	5,642,251	-18.69%	(1,296,824)
Total Assessed	564,256,899	6,152,306	5,844,691	1.09%	570,101,590	583,390,176	17,300,531	15,397,472	2.97%	598,787,648	5.03%	28,686,058
Residential Exemptions Total	7,759,062	35,770	33,982	0.46%	7,793,044	7,918,509	42,000	37,380	0.53%	7,955,849	2.09%	162,845
(HS) Homestead Local	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-
(HS) Homestead State	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-
(O65) Over 65 Local	4,432,871	24,000	22,800	0.54%	4,455,671	4,448,719	42,000	37,380	0.94%	4,486,099	0.68%	30,428
(O65) Over 65 State	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-
(DP) Disabled Persons Local	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-
(DP) Disabled Persons State	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-
(DV) Disabled Veteran	423,859	-	-	0.00%	423,859	423,359	-	-	0.00%	423,359	1.06%	4,500
(DVX) Disabled Veteran 100%	2,890,710	-	-	0.00%	2,890,710	2,594,450	-	-	0.00%	2,594,450	-10.25%	(296,260)
(DVXS) DV 100% Surviving Spouse	-	-	-	0.00%	-	223,350	-	-	0.00%	223,350	0.00%	223,350
(SOL) Solar	-	11,770	11,182	0.00%	11,182	-	-	-	-	-	-100.00%	(11,182)
(PRO) Prorated Exempt Property	11,622	-	-	0.00%	11,622	223,631	-	-	0.00%	223,631	1824.20%	212,009
Commercial Exemptions Total	200,800	530	504	0.26%	201,304	195,340	733,780	653,064	375.64%	848,404	321.46%	647,101
(AUTO) Leased Vehicles	29,480	-	-	0.00%	29,480	23,580	678,740	604,079	2878.46%	627,659	2029.10%	598,179
(HT) Historical	168,940	-	-	0.00%	168,940	168,970	54,320	48,345	32.15%	217,315	28.63%	48,375
(EX366) House Bill 366	2,380	530	504	22.27%	2,884	2,790	720	641	25.81%	3,431	18.98%	547
(FR) Freepport	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-
Total Exemptions	7,959,862	36,300	34,485		7,994,347	8,113,849	775,780	690,444		8,804,293	10.13%	809,946
Net Taxable	556,297,037	6,116,006	5,810,206		562,107,243	575,276,327	16,524,751	14,707,028		589,983,355	4.96%	27,876,112
Taxable Valuation	556,297,037	6,116,006	5,810,206		562,107,243	575,276,327	16,524,751	14,707,028		589,983,355	4.96%	27,876,112

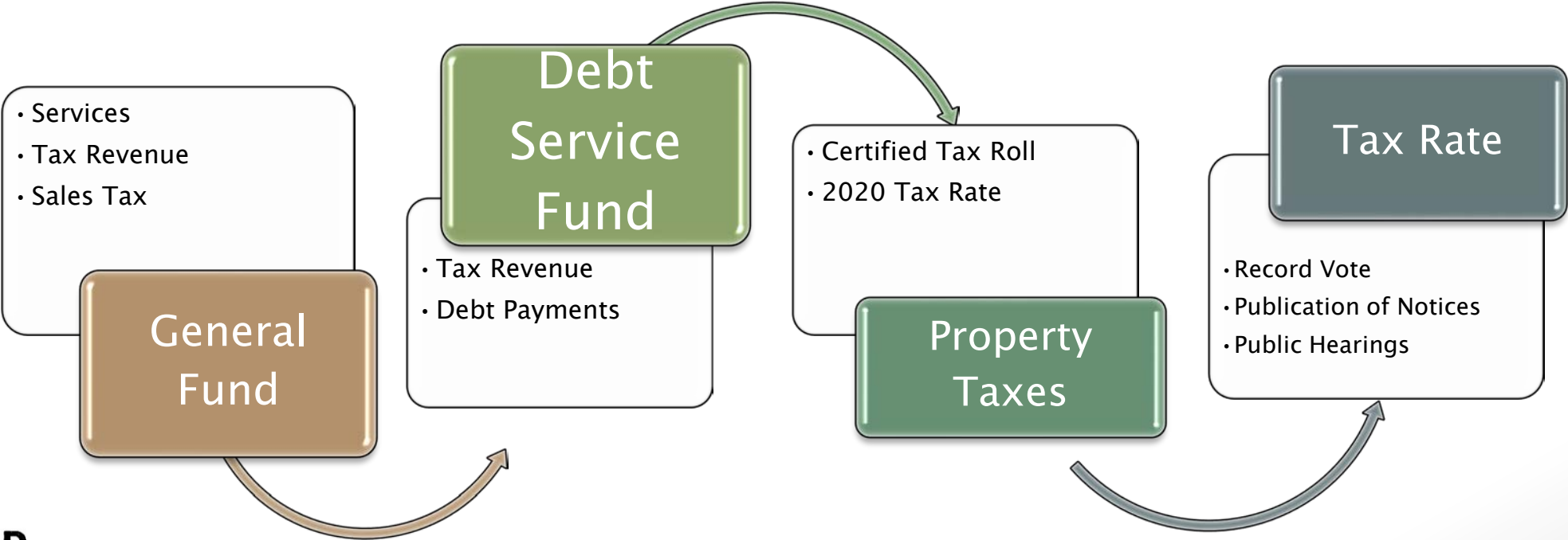
FY21 Property Tax

Workshop



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Budget Process – Where Are We?



Property Tax Under Senate Bill 2

- ▶ **Senate Bill 2**
 - **Property tax reform act passed during the 86th regular legislative session**
 - **Lowers voter approval rate from 8% to 3.5%**
 - **<30,000 population must calculate de minimis tax rate**
 - **De minimis tax rate is the rate that would generate \$500,000 in property tax**
 - **Automatic Election:**
 - **Exceed the de minimis tax rate**
 - **Voter Petition for Election:**
 - **Adopted rate is equal to or lower than the de minimis tax rate and greater than the voter approval tax rate**



Property Tax Under Senate Bill 2

- ▶ **Senate Bill 2 Key Concepts**
 - **Creates barriers to growth in revaluation above 3.5%**
 - **Forces the movement of the nominal tax rate**
 - **This is part of the transparency initiative of Senate Bill 2**
 - **Senate Bill 2 is designed to force Cities to move away from a stable tax rate that generates more revenue from revaluation to one in which the tax rate moves to generate growth**
 - **Be prepared for the possible need to adjust the tax rate in the upcoming years to capture 3.5% growth (it depends on several factors including revaluation, lawsuits, etc.)**



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Property Tax Key Terms

- ▶ **No-new-revenue Tax Rate**
 - **Is the rate that will provide a taxing unit with the same amount of revenue on properties taxed in the preceding year**
- ▶ **Voter Approval Tax Rate**
 - **Is the rate that will provide a taxing unit with no more than a 3.5% increase on the same properties taxed in the preceding year**
 - **Adjusted for (not all inclusive):**
 - **Lawsuits/court ordered reductions**
 - **Sales tax for property tax reduction gain**
 - **Debt payments**



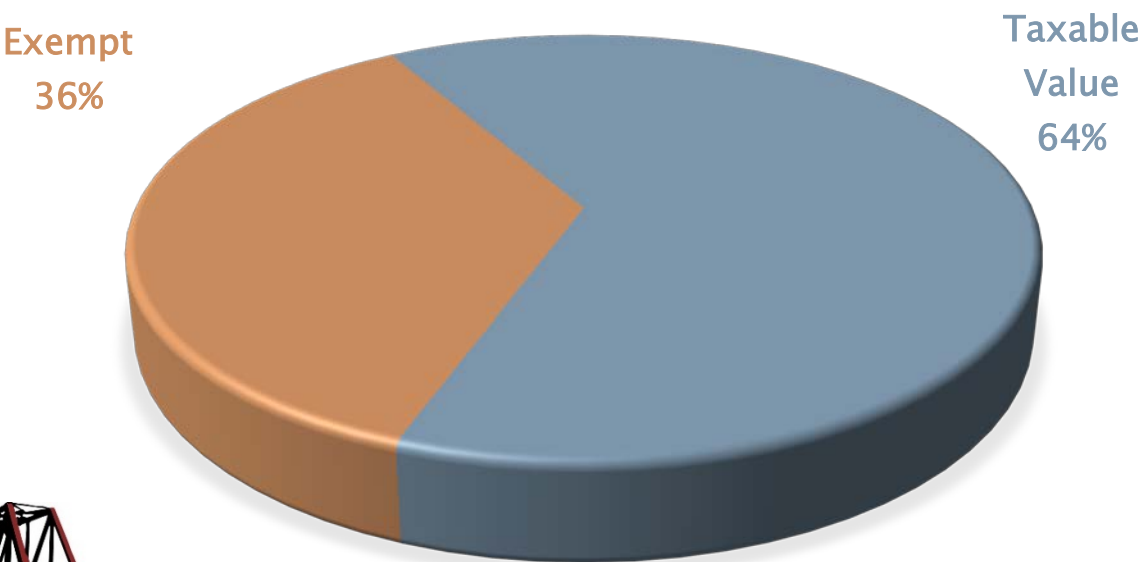
Property Tax Composition – Net Taxable Value

	Commercial		Residential		Total Tax Year 2020	Total % Total
	Tax Year 2020	% Total	Tax Year 2020	% Total		
Land	106,472,931	18.05%	54,150,185	9.18%	160,623,115	27.23%
Improvements	430,113,222	72.90%	268,444,950	45.50%	698,558,172	118.40%
Other	65,820,376	11.16%		0.00%	65,820,376	11.16%
Adjustments	(314,571,208)	-53.32%	(6,000,557)	-1.02%	(320,571,765)	-54.34%
Productivity	(5,642,251)	-0.96%		0.00%	(5,642,251)	-0.96%
Exemptions	(848,404)	-0.14%	(7,955,889)	-1.35%	(8,804,293)	-1.49%
Grand Total	281,344,666	47.69%	308,638,689	52.31%	589,983,355	100.00%

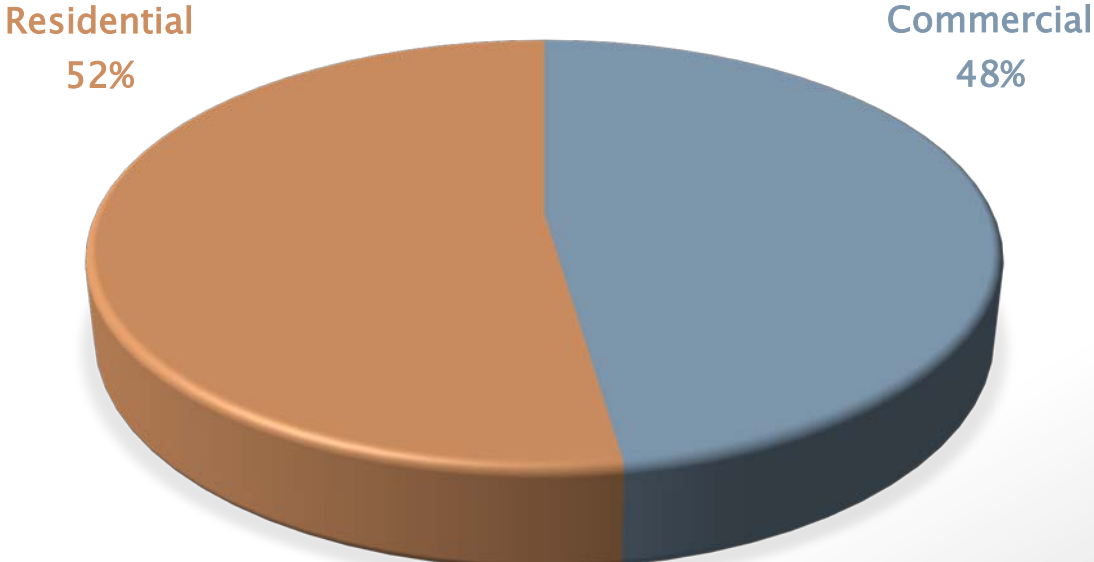


Property Tax Composition

TAXABLE VS. EXEMPT



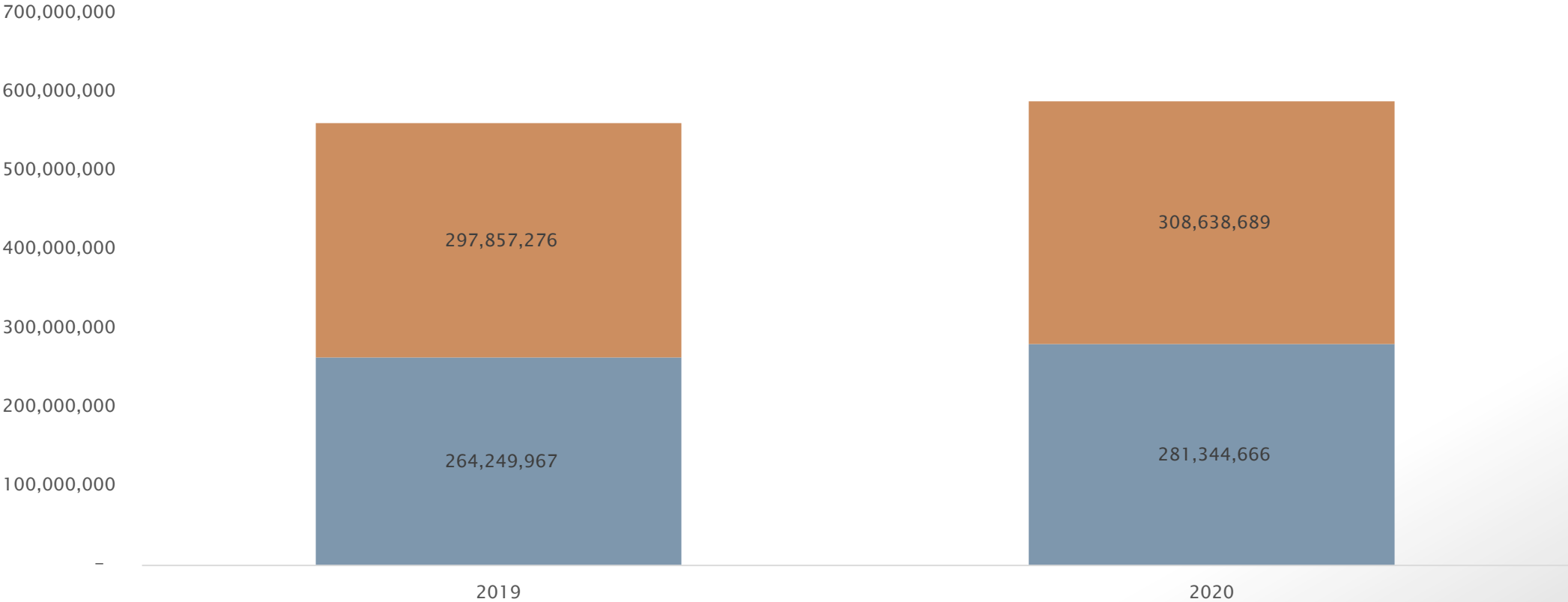
RESIDENTIAL VS. COMMERCIAL



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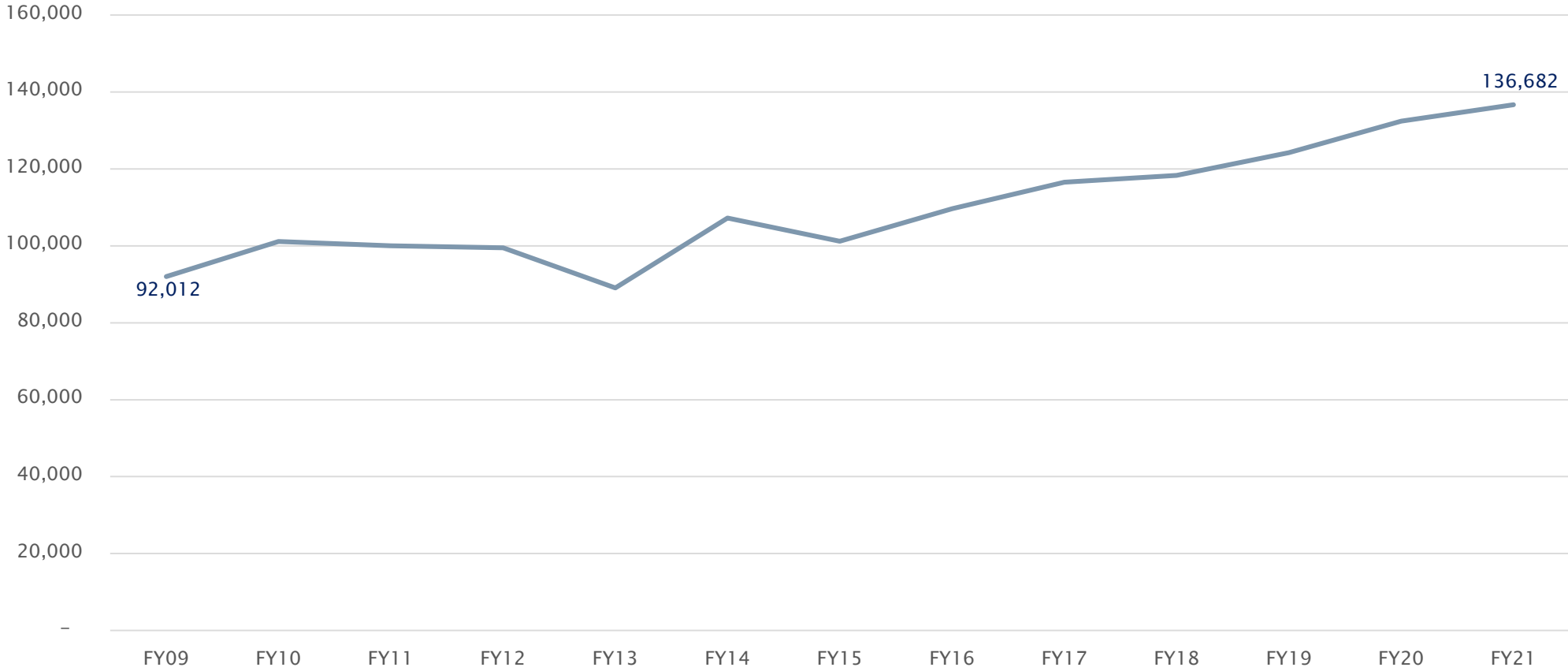
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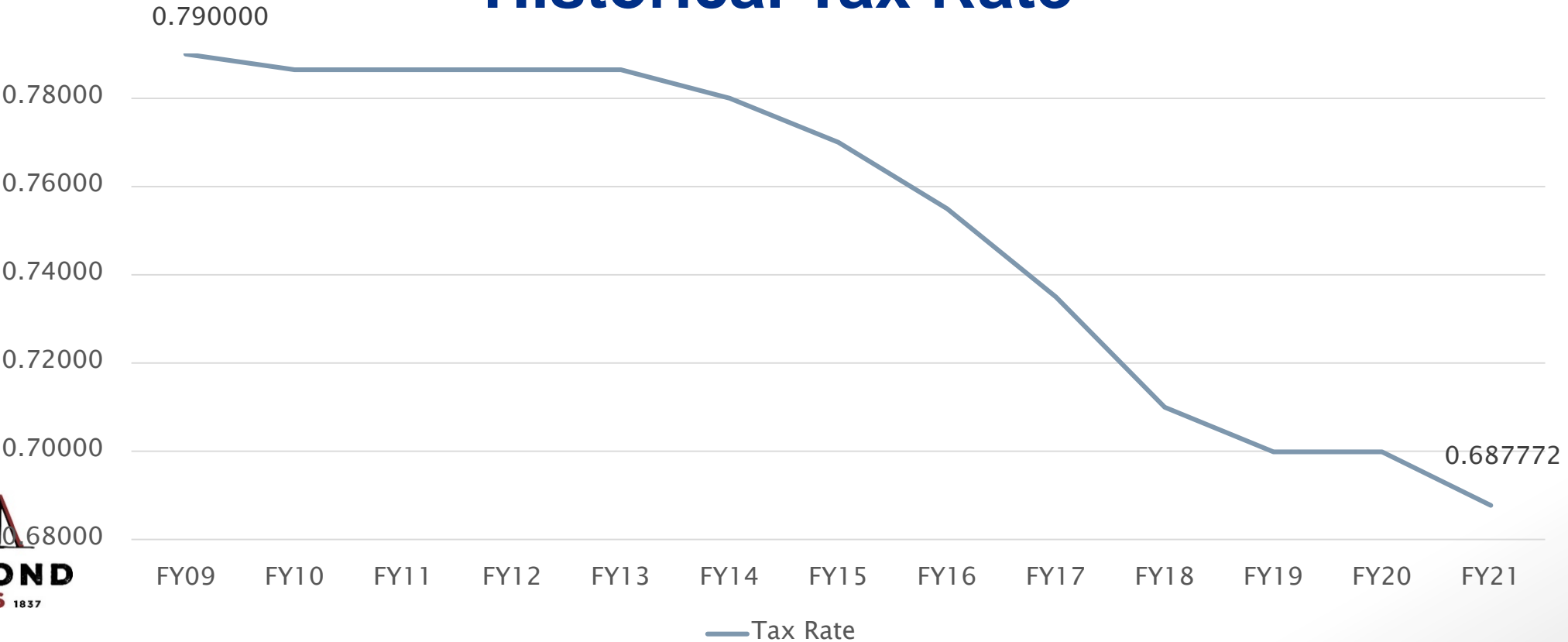
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AVERAGE HOME VALUE



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Historical Tax Rate



Tax Rate Comparison

Description	FY2019	FY2020
Adopted/Proposed M&O Tax Rate	0.525392	0.505658
Adopted/Proposed Debt Tax Rate	0.174508	0.182114
Adopted/Proposed Tax Rate	0.699900	0.687772
Effective/No-new-revenue Tax Rate	0.657309	0.665283
Effective/No-new-Revenue M&O Tax Rate	0.789646	0.753294
Roll-Back/Voter Approval M&O Tax Rate	0.852817	0.779659
Total Roll-Back/Voter Approval Tax Rate	0.739947	0.687773
De Minimis Tax Rate	N/A	1.020156



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Tax Rate Comparison to Budget

Description	Budget	Proposed	Variance
Adopted/Proposed Tax Rate	0.699900	0.687772	(0.01213)
Tax Levy	\$4,159,927	\$4,161,586	\$1,659



Truth in Taxation - Adoption Process

- ▶ In addition to publishing notices in the Newspaper and on the City website, the following additional steps must be taken:
 - I. Public Hearing on the Budget
 - II. Budget Adoption
 - Budget must be approved before the Tax Rate
 - Simple majority
 - III. Public Hearing on the Tax Rate
 - IV. Approval of the Tax Rate
 - Super majority
 - Adopted in two parts
 - Maintenance & Operations
 - Debt Service
 - V. Record vote to ratify the tax rate increase in the budget
 - I. Separate Item on the agenda



Publication of Maximum Tax Rate

- ▶ **Record Vote on Notice to Publish Tax Rate:**
 - **The Texas Tax Code Requires that vote of all members of the governing body appear on the Tax Rate Notice.**
 - **The Proposed Tax rate of \$0.687772 per \$100 value is less than the prior year, however, due increases in property values there is a slight tax increase which triggers the tax rate increase provision.**
 - **In accordance with Section 26.06 of the Texas Tax Code “NOTICE, HEARING, AND VOTE ON TAX INCREASE”, I move that the maximum tax rate published be set at \$0.687772. The public hearing having already been set on September 8, 2020, at 4:30 PM, at 600 Morton Street.**



Key Dates

Date	Description
August 3rd	Workshop #1 Major Fund Revenues & Expenditures
August 10th	Workshop #2 Tax Rate & Additional Budget Discussion
August 24th	Placeholder for Follow-up
September 8 th	Public Hearing on Budget & Adoption Public hearing on Tax Rate & Adoption



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Questions, Discussion or Comments



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- A4. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-19, requiring wearing a mask/face covering for City facilities.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS, AMENDING RICHMOND CODE, CHAPTER 14 "HEALTH," ARTICLE III "PANDEMIC FACE COVERING," REQUIRING A PERSON INSIDE AN ENCLOSED, CLIMATE-CONTROLLED CITY BUILDING AND WITHIN SIX FEET OF ANOTHER PERSON TO WEAR A FACE COVERING; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency was issued to allow the City of Richmond to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Richmond residents; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Donald Trump acknowledged the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic, releasing strict new guidelines to limit people's interactions; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the City Commission at a Regular Commission Meeting approved an extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, due to the continued rapid spread of COVID-19, on April 2, 2020, additional measures were necessary to protect the ability of the public and private health care providers to handle the influx of patients, and safeguard public health and safety, except for certain essential activities and work to provide essential business and government services or perform essential business and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, to protect lives while continuing the essential functions of city government, city buildings were closed to public access; and

WHEREAS, as the pandemic continues and when the City reopens its facilities to the public, it is necessary to protect the health and well-being of the public and city employees to require a person within an enclosed, climate-controlled city building utilized for conducting or transacting business with the public to wear a face covering when within six feet of another person; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Richmond now deems it in the public interest to require persons to wear cloth face masks covering the mouth and nose while inside of an enclosed, climate-controlled city building utilized for conducting or transacting business with the public and within six feet of another person; **Now Therefore**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS:

Section 1. The facts and recitations set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. Article III “Face Coverings,” of Chapter 14 “Health,” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Richmond, Texas is hereby created to read as follows:

“Chapter 14 – HEALTH

. . . .

ARTICLE III. – Face Coverings

Sec. 14-101. – Face covering required.

- (a) A person who is inside an enclosed, climate-controlled city building utilized for conducting or transacting business with the public shall wear a cloth face covering over the person’s nose and mouth.
- (b) A person inside an enclosed climate-controlled city building is not required to wear a cloth face covering required by subparagraph (a) above if the person is not within six (6) feet of another person.

Sec. 14-102. – Affirmative Defense.

It is an affirmative defense to a charge of not wearing a cloth face covering inside an enclosed, climate-controlled city building utilized for conducting or transacting business with the public if:

- (a) The person has a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a cloth face covering and such condition or disability is documented by a physician;
- (b) The person is under the age of ten (10) years; or

(c) The person is voting, working as a poll watcher, assisting a voter, or administering an election.

Sec. 14-103. - Penalty.

- (a) The first violation of Sec. 14-101(a), will result in the person will receive a verbal or written warning.
- (b) A person who commits a subsequent violation of Sec. 14-101(a) shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).
- (c) A person may not be detained, arrested, or confined in jail for refusing to adhere to this ordinance. A law enforcement officer may consider someone who refuses to wear a cloth face covering as required by Sec. 14-101(a) and refuses to leave the enclosed, climate-controlled city building utilized for conducting or transacting business with the public a trespasser.”

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances and resolutions, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and are no longer of any force and effect.

Section 4. Severability. In the event any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Commission of the City of Richmond, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more parts.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 10th day of August, 2020.

Evalyn Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Gary W. Smith, City Attorney



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- A5. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-20, amending Ordinance No. 2020-01 calling a General Election to elect the Mayor on May 2, 2020, and postponed until November 3, 2020 by Ordinance No. 2020-10.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2020 AND POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER 3, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR FOR A TERM OF OFFICE FROM 2020 TO 2023; PROVIDING FOR A JOINT ELECTION SCHEDULED ON MAY 2, 2020 AND POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER 3, 2020, WITH OTHER ENTITIES CONTRACTING WITH FORT BEND COUNTY FOR THIS JOINT ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Richmond, Texas (the "City") has determined that a general election should be held in the City for the purpose of electing a Mayor at-large from the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to proceed with ordering such election and the City Commission has determined that holding such election on a uniform election date is in the public interest;

WHEREAS, the May 2, 2020 election was postponed until November 3, 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS:

Section 1. That a general municipal election is hereby called and ordered for the 3rd day of November, 2020, at which election all qualified voters residing within the corporate limits of the City of Richmond may vote for the purpose of electing a Mayor at-large for a full three-year term. Said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

Section 2. That for the general election called and ordered for the purpose of electing a Mayor, the Fort Bend County Elections Administrator shall act as Contracting Officer. The election officials for each City of Richmond precinct in Fort Bend County shall be designated by the Fort Bend County Elections Administrator; and such election officials shall conduct the City's general election in accordance with the "Joint Election Agreement and Contract" approved and entered into. The Fort Bend County Elections Administrator is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies for all City precincts. The official mailing address of the Fort Bend County Elections Administrator is 301 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas 77469, and the physical address

is 4520 Reading Road, Suite A-400, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Voting at such election shall be upon the EVS 6020 voting system by Election Systems & Software.

Section 3. That the polling places for the voting precincts in the City of Richmond shall be at the locations as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 4. That the polls of each of the polling places on election day shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 5. That early voting by personal appearance shall be at the locations, dates, and times as set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part hereof. Exhibit B may be automatically modified without the necessity of further action of the City Commission to include additional or different early voting locations, dates, and times designated by the Fort Bend County Elections Administrator to conform to the Joint Election Agreement and Contract.

Section 6. Early voting by personal appearance shall be by the EVS 6020 voting system by Election Systems & Software. Early voting by mail shall be by paper ballot processed through the EVS 6020 voting system by Election Systems & Software by an Early Voting Ballot Board.

Section 7. The Fort Bend County Elections Administrator shall receive applications for ballots to be voted by mail until the close of business on Friday, October 16, 2020. Requests for applications should be delivered in person to 4520 Reading Road, Suite A-400, Rosenberg, Texas 77471; mailed to the Fort Bend County Elections Administrator, 301 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas 77469; or faxed to 281-341-4418.

Section 8. The results shall be canvassed and the returns shall be declared in accordance with state law.

Section 9. It is further found and determined that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place, and subject of this meeting of the City Commission was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered, and formally acted upon. The City Commission further ratifies, approves, and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

Section 10. The Mayor shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, all actions reasonable and necessary to ensure that the election is fairly held and returns properly counted and tabulated for the canvass of the election returns by the City Commission in accordance with state law.

Section 11. *Repeal.* Any ordinance or other part of any other ordinance in conflict herewith shall be and is hereby repealed only to the extent of such conflict.

Section 12. *Severability.* In the event any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Commission of the City of Richmond, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more parts.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 10th day of August, 2020.

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Gary W. Smith, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

Fort Bend County

November 3, 2020

Election Day Polling Places

VOTING CENTER	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
Adams Junior High School	4141 Cross Creek Bend Lane	FULSHEAR, TX	77441
Beasley City Hall	319 S. Third Street	BEASLEY, TX	77417
Beck Junior High School	5200 S Fry Rd	KATY, TX	77450
Beckendorf Jr High School	8200 South Fry Rd.	KATY, TX	77494
Bowie Middle	700 Plantation Dr	RICHMOND, TX	77406
Brazos Bend Home & Ranch	22930 FM 1462 Rd	NEEDVILLE, TX	77461
Briarchase Missionary Baptist Church	16000 Blueridge Rd	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77489
Briscoe Junior High School	4300 FM 723 Rd	RICHMOND, TX	77406
Calvary Baptist Church	4111 Airport Ave	ROSENBERG, TX	77471
Chasewood Clubhouse	7622 Chasewood Dr	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77489
Cinco Ranch Branch Library	2620 Commercial Center Dr.	KATY, TX	77494
Clements High School	4200 Elkins Rd	SUGAR LAND, TX	77479
Commonwealth Clubhouse	4330 Knightsbridge Blvd	SUGAR LAND, TX	77479
Crockett Middle School	19001 Beechnut	RICHMOND, TX	77407
Dickenson Elementary School	7110 Greatwood Parkway	SUGAR LAND, TX	77479
Elkins High School	7007 Knights Court	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77469
Eagle Heights Church	16718 West Belfort	RICHMOND, TX	77407
Fairgrounds Bldg D	4310 Highway 36 S	ROSENBERG, TX	77471
Firethorne Community Association	28800 S. Firethorne Rd	KATY, TX	77494
Fort Bend ISD Admin Building	16431 Lexington Blvd	SUGAR LAND, TX	77479
Four Corners Community Center	15700 Old Richmond Road	SUGAR LAND, TX	77498
Fulshear High School	9302 Charger Way	FULSHEAR, TX	77441
Gallery Furniture	7227 W Grand Parkway S	RICHMOND, TX	77407
Garcia Middle	18550 Old Richmond Rd	SUGAR LAND, TX	77478
George Bush High School	6707 FM 1464 RD	RICHMOND, TX	77407
George Memorial Library	1001 Golfview Dr	RICHMOND, TX	77469
Great Oaks Baptist Church	7101 FM 2759 Rd	RICHMOND, TX	77469
Hightower High School	3333 Hurricane Ln	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77459
Hunters Glen Elem.	695 Independence Blvd	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77459
Imperial Park Recreation Center	234 Matlage Way	SUGAR LAND, TX	77478
Jacks Conference Center	3232 Austin Pkwy	SUGAR LAND, TX	77479
Jones Creek Ranch Park	7714 Farm to Market 359	Richmond, TX	77406
Joy Lutheran Church	717 FM 359 Rd	RICHMOND, TX	77406
Kempner High School	14777 Voss Rd	SUGAR LAND, TX	77498
Kendleton Church of God	619 FM 2919 Rd	KENDLETON, TX	77417
Knights of Columbus (Needville)	13631 Highway 36	NEEDVILLE, TX	77461
Kroger's Riverstone	18861 University Blvd	SUGAR LAND, TX	77479
Lake Olympia Club House	180 Island Blvd	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77459
Lantern Lane Elem.	3323 Mission Valley Dr	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77459
Lexington Creek Elem.	2335 Dulles Ave	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77459
Living Word Lutheran Church	3700 South Mason Road	KATY, TX	77450
Lost Creek Conference Center	3703 Lost Creek Blvd	SUGAR LAND, TX	77478
M.R. Massey Admin. Bldg.	1570 W. Sycamore Rd	FRESNO, TX	77545
Meadows Place City Hall	1 Troyan Dr	MEADOWS PLACE, TX	77477
Merrell Center	6301 South Stadium Ln	KATY, TX	77494
Mission Bend Library	8421 Addicks Clodine Rd	HOUSTON, TX	77083

VOTING CENTER	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
Missouri City Baptist Church	16816 Quail Park Dr	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77489
Missouri City Community Center	1522 Texas Parkway	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77489
Missouri City Parks and Rec.	2701 Cypress Point Dr	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77459
Museum of Natural Science	13016 University Blvd.	SUGAR LAND, TX	77479
Mustang Community Center	4521 FM 521 Rd	FRESNO, TX	77545
Oak Lake Baptist Church	15555 W. Airport Blvd	SUGAR LAND, TX	77498
Orchard City Hall	9714 Kibler	ORCHARD, TX	77464
Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Life Ctr	1600 Avenue D	ROSENBERG, TX	77471
Pinnacle Senior Center	5525 Hobby St	HOUSTON, TX	77053
Pioneer Community Center	6501 Rohan Road	RICHMOND, TX	77469
Quail Valley Elementary	3500 Quail Village Dr	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77459
Quail Valley Fund Office	3603 Glenn Lakes Ln	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77459
Reese Technical Center	12300 University Blvd	SUGAR LAND, TX	77479
Richmond Water Mnt. Facility	110 N 8th St	RICHMOND, TX	77469
Ridge Point High School	500 Waters Lake Blvd.	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77459
Ridgegate Community Ass'n	5855 West Ridgecreek Dr	HOUSTON, TX	77489
Ridgemont Early Childhood Ctr	5353 Ridgecreek Circle	HOUSTON, TX	77053
River Park Recreation Ctr.	5875 Summit Crk Drive	SUGAR LAND, TX	77479
Rosenberg Annex Building	4520 Reading Rd	ROSENBERG, TX	77471
Rosenberg City Hall	2110 Fourth Street	ROSENBERG, TX	77471
Sartartia Middle School	8125 Homeward Way	SUGAR LAND, TX	77479
Seven Lakes High School	9251 S Fry Rd	KATY, TX	77494
Sienna Annex	5855 Sienna Springs Way	MISSOURI CITY, TX	77459
Simonton City Hall	35011 FM 1093	SIMONTON, TX	77476
Stafford City Hall	2610 S Main St	STAFFORD, TX	77477
Sugar Creek Country Club	420 Sugar Creek Blvd	SUGAR LAND, TX	77478
Sugar Lakes Clubhouse	930 Sugar Lakes Dr	SUGAR LAND, TX	77478
Sugar Land Branch Library	550 Eldridge Rd	SUGAR LAND, TX	77478
Sugar Land Church of God	1715 Eldridge Rd	SUGAR LAND, TX	77478
Sugar Land City Hall	2700 Town Center Blvd N	SUGAR LAND, TX	77479
The Childhood Center	1711 Spring Green Blvd	KATY, TX	77494
Thompsons City Hall	520 Thompson Oil Field Road	THOMPSONS, TX	77481
Tompkins High School	4400 Falcon Landing Blvd	KATY, TX	77494
Townewest Towne Hall	10322 Old Towne Ln	SUGAR LAND, TX	77498
Travis Elementary School	2700 Avenue K	ROSENBERG, TX	77471
University Branch Library	14010 University Blvd	SUGAR LAND, TX	77479
Westlake Preparatory Academy	23300 Bellaire Blvd	RICHMOND, TX	77406

EXHIBIT B

Fort Bend County Early Voting Schedule
November 3, 2020 Presidential Election
Programa de votación anticipada del condado de Fort Bend
Elección presidencial del 3 de noviembre de 2020

Early Voting Location (Lugar de votación anticipada)	Hours(Horas)					
	Tuesday - Saturday October 13 - 17, 2020 (except - closures) (October 13 - 17, 2020)	Sunday October 18, 2020 (Closures) (October 18, 2020)	Monday - Friday October 19 - 23, 2020 (Voting - all day) (October 19 - 23, 2020)	Saturday October 24, 2020 (Closures) (October 24, 2020)	Sunday October 25, 2020 (Closures) (October 25, 2020)	Monday - Friday October 26 - 30, 2020 (Voting - normal) (October 26 - 30, 2020)
Stafford City Hall 2610 Main Street, Stafford	8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	CLOSED	8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.	CLOSED	7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Al Rabba World Food 5800 New Territory Blvd, Sugar Land						
Beasley City Hall 319 S. 3 rd Street, Beasley						
Chasewood Clubhouse 7622 Chasewood Drive, Missouri City						
Cinco Ranch Library 2620 Commercial Center Drive, Katy						
Fort Bend County Road & Bridge 3743 School Street, Needville						
Fort Bend County Rosenberg Annex 4520 Reading Road, Rosenberg						
Fort Bend ISD Admin Bldg 16431 Lexington, Sugar Land						
Four Corners Community Center 15700 Old Richmond Road, Sugar Land						
Fulbhear High School 9302 Charger Way, Fulbhear						
Hightower High School 3333 Hurricane Lane, Missouri City						
Jacka Conference Center 3232 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land						
James Bowie Middle School 700 Plantation Dr, Richmond						
James Reese Career & Technical Center 12300 University Blvd, Sugar Land						
James Creek Ranch Park 7714 FM 359 Rd, Richmond,	8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	CLOSED	8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.	12 Noon to 5:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Kroger's Riverstone (Community Room) 18861 University Blvd, Sugar Land						
Lost Creek Park Conference Center 3703 Lost Creek Blvd, Sugar Land						
Meadows Place City Hall 1 Troyan Way, Meadows Place						
Missouri City Community Center 1522 Texas Pkwy, Missouri City						
Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Life Center 1600 Avenue D, Rosenberg						
Quail Valley Fund Office 3603 Glen Lakes, Missouri City						
Richmond Water Maintenance Facility 110 N 8 th Street, Richmond						
Sienna Annex Community Room 5855 Sienna Springs Way, Missouri City						
Sugar Land Branch Library 550 Eldridge, Sugar Land						
Sugar Land City Hall Town Center, Sugar Land						
The Childhood Center 1711 Spring Green Blvd, Katy						
Tompkins High School 4400 Falcon Landing Blvd, Katy						
University Branch Library 14010 University Blvd, Sugar Land						

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND

AMENDMENT TO JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES

THIS AMENDMENT made by and between Fort Bend County, a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas, acting herein by and through the Fort Bend County Elections Administrator pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 31.092, hereinafter referred to as the "County", and the City of Richmond hereinafter referred to as "Political Subdivision." Both may be referred to herein individually as a "Party" or collectively as "Parties".

RECITAL

Whereas, the Parties executed and accepted that certain Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services on February 17, 2020, herein after the "Contract" for a joint election to be held on May 2, 2020, pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 271.002; and

Whereas, the Parties desire to amend the Contract to reflect a change in the date of the General Election due to delays caused by the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements, and benefits to the parties, IT IS AGREED as follows:

Generally, all references in the Contract to a General Election date of May 2, 2020 shall hereby be changed to November 3, 2020

III. Voting Locations

If polling places for the November 3, 2020 joint election are different from the polling place(s) used by Political Subdivision in its most recent election, Political Subdivision agrees to post a notice no later than November 3, 2020 at the entrance to any previous polling places in the jurisdiction stating that the polling location has changed and stating the polling place names and addresses in effect for the November 3, 2020 election.

XV. COST ESTIMATES AND DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

It is estimated that Political Subdivision's obligation under the terms of this agreement shall be \$6,734.00 The Political Subdivision agrees to pay to the County a deposit of \$4,040.00 which is approximately sixty (60) percent of the total estimated obligation of Political Subdivision to the County under this agreement. This deposit shall be paid to the County within ten (10) days of the Political Subdivision's receipt of this agreement, authorized by the governing bodies of both parties and fully executed by both parties. The exact amount of the Political Subdivision's obligation under the terms of this agreement shall be calculated after the November 3, 2020 election (or runoff election, if applicable), and if the amount of the Political Subdivision's obligation exceeds the amount deposited, the Political Subdivision shall pay to the County the balance due within thirty (30) days after receipt of the final invoice from the Elections Administrator. However, if the amount of the Political Subdivision's obligation is less than the amount deposited, the County shall refund to the Political Subdivision the excess amount paid within thirty (30) days after final costs are calculated.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the Contract shall remain unchanged.

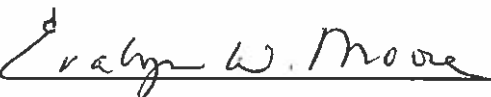
IN TESTIMONY HEREOF, this agreement, its multiple originals all of equal force, has been executed on behalf of the parties hereto as follows, to-wit:

- (1) It has on the 8th day of April, 2020 been executed on behalf of Fort Bend County by the Elections Administrator pursuant to the Texas Election Code Section 31.092 so authorizing;
- (2) It has on the 20th day of April, 2020 been executed on behalf of the City of Richmond by its Presiding Officer or authorized representative, pursuant to an action by the Governing Body of the City of Richmond

FORT BEND COUNTY

By 
John Odham
Elections Administrator

CITY OF RICHMOND

By 



ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR FOR A TERM OF OFFICE FROM 2020 TO 2023; PROVIDING FOR A JOINT ELECTION ON MAY 2, 2020, WITH OTHER ENTITIES CONTRACTING WITH FORT BEND COUNTY FOR THIS JOINT ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Richmond, Texas (the "City") has determined that a general election should be held in the City for the purpose of electing a Mayor at-large from the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to proceed with ordering such election and the City Commission has determined that holding such election on a uniform election date is in the public interest; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS:

Section 1. That a general municipal election is hereby called and ordered for the 2nd day of May, 2020, at which election all qualified voters residing within the corporate limits of the City of Richmond may vote for the purpose of electing a Mayor at-large for a full three-year term. Said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

Section 2. That for the general election called and ordered for the purpose of electing a Mayor, the Fort Bend County Elections Administrator shall act as Contracting Officer. The election officials for each City of Richmond precinct in Fort Bend County shall be designated by the Fort Bend County Elections Administrator; and such election officials shall conduct the City's general election in accordance with a "Joint Election Agreement and Contract" to be approved and entered into. The Fort Bend County Elections Administrator is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies for all City precincts. The official mailing address of the Fort Bend County Elections Administrator is 301 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas 77469, and the physical address is 4520 Reading Road, Suite A-400, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Voting

at such election shall be upon the EVS 6020 voting system by Election Systems & Software.

Section 3. That the polling places for the voting precincts in the City of Richmond shall be at the locations as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, and shall include the Water Maintenance Facility, 108 N. 8th Street, Richmond.

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Section 8. The results shall be canvassed and the returns shall be declared in accordance with state law.

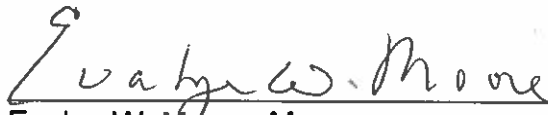
Section 9. It is further found and determined that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place, and subject of this meeting of the City Commission was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered, and formally acted upon. The City Commission further ratifies, approves, and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

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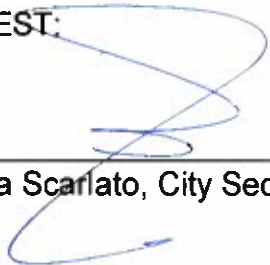
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PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 17th day of February, 2020.



Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Gary W. Smith, City Attorney

COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE	Voting Location	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
Beck Jr. High School	Main Room	5200 S Fry Rd	KATY	77450
Bowie Middle School (West Entrance)	Main Hallway by Gym	700 Plantation Dr	RICHMOND	77406
Briar Chase Missionary BAPT Church	Fellowship hall	16000 Blue Ridge Rd	MISSOURI CITY	77489
Chasewood Clubhouse	Level 1 (Clubhouse Facility)	7622 Chasewood Dr	MISSOURI CITY	77489
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George Bush High School	Gym Foyer	6707 FM 1464	RICHMOND	77407
George Memorial Library	Large Meeting Room, 1st Floor	1001 Golfview Dr	RICHMOND	77469
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Hunters Glen Elementary School	Gym	695 Independence Blvd	MISSOURI CITY	77489
Imperial Park Recreation Center	Meeting Room	234 Matlage Way	SUGAR LAND	77478
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QV Fund Office	Board Room	3603 Glenn Lakes	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Richmond Water Maintenance Facility	1st room to the right	110 N. 8th St	RICHMOND	77469
Ridge Point High School	Main Room	500 Waters Lake Blvd	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Ridgegate Community Association	Main Room	5855 W. Ridgecreek Dr	HOUSTON	77053
Ridgemont Early Childhood Ctr	Extended Day Room	5353 Ridge Creek Circle	HOUSTON	77053
River Park Recreation Ctr.	Rec Center	5875 Summit Creek Drive	SUGAR LAND	77479
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Sienna Annex	Community Room	5855 Sienna Springs Way	MISSOURI CITY	77459
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Sugar Creek Country Club	Garden Room	420 Sugar Creek Blvd	SUGAR LAND	77478
Sugar Lakes Clubhouse	Clubhouse	930 Sugar Lakes Dr	SUGAR LAND	77478
Sugar Land Branch Library	Meeting Room	5500 Eldridge	SUGAR LAND	77478
Sugar Land Church of God	Fellowship Hall	1715 Eldridge Rd	SUGAR LAND	77478
Sugar Land City Hall	Brazos Room 154 and 155	2700 Town Center Blvd North	SUGAR LAND	77479
Thompsons City Hall	Community Center	520 Thompson Oil Field Rd	THOMPSONS	77481
Tompkins High School PAC	Main Room	4400 Falcon Landing Blvd	KATY	77494
Townwest Towne Hall	Main Room	10322 Old Towne Ln	SUGAR LAND	77498
University Branch Library	Meeting Room 2	14010 University Blvd	SUGAR LAND	77479

EXHIBIT B
Fort Bend County Early Voting Schedule
May 2, 2020 Joint Election
Programa de votación anticipada del condado de Fort Bend
2 de mayo del 2020 Elección Conjunta

Early Voting Location	Hours(Horas)			
	Monday-Friday April 20-24, 2020 <i>(lunes-viernes)</i> <i>(abril 20, 2020)</i>	Saturday April 25, 2020 <i>(sábado)</i> <i>(abril 25, 2020)</i>	Sunday April 26, 2020 <i>(domingo)</i> <i>(abril 26, 2020)</i>	Monday-Tuesday April 27-28, 2020 <i>(lunes-martes)</i> <i>(abril 27-28, 2020)</i>
Chasewood Clubhouse 7622 Chasewood Drive, Missouri City				
Cinco Ranch Library 2620 Commercial Center Drive, Katy				
Clayton Oaks Assisted Living 21175 SW Freeway, Richmond Fort Bend				
County Road & Bridge 3743 School Street, Needville				
Fort Bend County Rosenberg Annex 4520 Reading Road, Rosenberg				
Fort Bend ISD Admin Building 16431 Lexington, Sugar Land				
Jacks Conference Center 3232 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land				
Four Corners Community Center 15700 Old Richmond Rd, Sugar Land				
Hightower High School 3333 Hurricane Lane, Missouri City				
Irene Stern Community Center 6920 Fulshear-Katy Road, Fulshear				
James Bowie Middle School 700 Plantation Dr, Richmond				
James Reese Career & Technical Center 12300 University Blvd, Sugar Land	8:00 a.m. To 5:00 p.m	8:00 a.m. To 5:00 p.m	CLOSED (Cerrado)	7:00 a.m. To 7:00 p.m
Kroger's Riverstone (Community Room) 18861 University Blvd, Sugar Land				
Lost Creek Park Conference Center 3703 Lost Creek Blvd, Sugar Land				
Meadows Place City Hall One Troyan Dr, Meadows Place				
Missouri City Old Municipal Court 1522 Texas Pkwy, Missouri City				
Quail Valley Fund Office 3603 Glenn Lakes, Missouri City				
Richmond Water Maintenance Facility 110 N. 8 th St, Richmond				
Sienna Annex Community Room 5855 Sienna Springs Way, Missouri City				
Sartartia Middle School 8125 Homeward Way, Sugar Land				
Stafford City Hall 2610 Main Street, Stafford				
Sugar Land Branch Library 550 Eldridge, Sugar Land				
Sugar Land City Hall 2700 Town Center Blvd, Sugar Land				



ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS, POSTPONING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR FOR A TERM OF OFFICE FROM 2020 TO 2023 TO NOVEMBER 3, 2020 PURSUANT TO PROCLAMATION FROM GOVERNOR GREGORY ABBOTT; PROVIDING FOR A JOINT ELECTION WITH OTHER ENTITIES CONTRACTING WITH FORT BEND COUNTY FOR THIS JOINT ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubel Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-10 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern ("PHEIC"), and advised countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the identification of "community spread" cases of COVID-19 in the United States could potentially signal transmission of the virus may no longer be limited to travel to China, or contact with travelers who have visited China; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has issued a proclamation suspending certain provisions of the Texas Election Code and the Texas Water Code to allow all local political subdivisions that are utilizing the May 2, 2020 uniform election date to postpone their elections to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date; **Now, Therefore,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the proclamation from Governor Gregory Abbott, which authorizes the City Commission to make the determination to postpone the Uniform

Election Date of May 2, 2020 to the Uniform Election Date of November 3, 2020, the City Commission hereby approves and votes to exercise said authority and postponing the May 2, 2020 election to November 3, 2020.

Section 2. All applications for a ballot by mail ("ABBM") for voters that are voting by mail due to being over age sixty-five (65) or due to a disability will **STILL BE VALID** for the November 3, 2020 election, and the ABBMs for voters who submitted ABBMs based upon an expected absence from the county will **NOT BE VALID** for the November 3, 2020 election.

Section 3. The following dates will be followed for the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election Date:

- Voter registration deadline - Monday, October 5, 2020
- Deadline to submit an application for ballot by mail - October 23, 2020
- Early voting dates - Monday, October 19, 2020 through Friday, October 30, 2020
- Last day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance - Friday, October 30, 2020
- Last day to receive ballot by mail - Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM if carrier envelope is **NOT** postmarked, **OR** Wednesday, November 4, 2020 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 PM if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 PM at the location of the election on Election Day (subject to overseas or military voter deadlines)
- Election Day - November 3, 2020.

Section 4. No later than August 17, 2020, the City Commission will make any necessary revisions of this order of election. Such revisions include, but are not limited to, change the date of the election; change the location of the main early voting location; changes to the early voting dates and hours; including weekend early voting; any changes to the identity of the early voting clerk and their contact information or any changes to branch early voting locations.

Section 5. The City Secretary shall cause the caption of this ordinance to be posted on the City's website and shall be published in the City's official newspaper.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and approval.


Section 7. Repeal. Any ordinance or other part of any other ordinance in conflict herewith shall be and is hereby repealed only to the extent of such conflict.

Section 8. Severability. In the event any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Commission of the City of Richmond, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more parts.


PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 30th day of March, 2020.



Carl Drozd, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Gary W. Smith, City Attorney



City of Richmond

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600 Morton Street

Monday, August 10, 2020 at 4:30 P.M

- A6. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-21, calling a special election to submit propositions on amendments to the City of Richmond Home Rule Charter.



RICHMOND
EST. **TEXAS** 1837

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Monday, August 10, 2020

Proposition 1

Shall Sections 5.02 and 5.11 of the City Charter be amended to provide for the Mayor and each Commissioner be elected by majority vote?

FOR

AGAINST

Texas Const. Art. 11

§ 11. Term of office exceeding two years in home rule and general law cities; vacancies

Sec. 11. (b) A municipality so providing a term exceeding two (2) years but not exceeding four (4) years for any of its non-civil service officers must elect all of the members of its governing body by majority vote of the qualified voters in such municipality.

Proposition 2

Shall Section 3.05 of the City Charter be amended to provide a procedure for appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor or Commissioner when the remaining term is twelve months or less and require an election when the remaining term is greater than twelve months?

FOR

AGAINST

Proposition 2

Texas Const. Art. 11,

§ 11. Term of office exceeding two years in home rule and general law cities; vacancies

Sec. 11. (c) Any vacancy or vacancies occurring on such governing body shall not be filled by appointment but must be filled by majority vote of the qualified voters at a special election called for such purpose within one hundred and twenty (120) days after such vacancy or vacancies occur except that the municipality may provide by charter or charter amendment the procedure for filling a vacancy occurring on its governing body for an unexpired term of 12 months or less.

Proposition 2

The proposed amendment aligns the section with the provisions of the state constitution and establishes the procedure for appointment to an unexpired term of 12 months or less.

Proposition 3

Shall section 3.09 of the City Charter be amended to provide when two Commissioners are absent to count the presence of the Mayor toward the quorum of a Commission meeting and allow the Mayor to vote?

FOR

AGAINST

Proposition 3

As currently written, section 3.09 contemplates a Mayor and two Commissioners.

The proposed amendment allows the Mayor to count toward the quorum when two Commissioners are absent. Three members of the governing body would be present, but no quorum would exist.

The proposed amendment also allows the Mayor to vote when two Commissioners are absent to help avoid a tie vote. The Mayor has authority to vote in case of a tie under section 3.04.

Shall section 5.02 of the City Charter be amended to authorize the City Commission to cancel a general election as provided by state law?

FOR

AGAINST

Election Code

§ 2.053. Action on Certification

(a) On receipt of the certification, the governing body of the political subdivision by order or ordinance may declare each unopposed candidate elected to the office. If no election is to be held on election day by the political subdivision, a copy of the order or ordinance shall be posted on election day at each polling place used or that would have been used in the election.

(b) If a declaration is made under Subsection (a), the election is not held.

Proposition 5

Shall section 6.03 of the City Charter be amended to preclude the referendum process from applying to comprehensive and master plans?

FOR

AGAINST

Proposition 5

A recent decision of the 5th Court of Appeals (Dallas), *Carruth v. Henderson, City Secretary* 05-19-01195-CV, held that the city secretary must forward a referendum petition (to repeal the city's comprehensive plan) to the governing body for consideration, either repeal or call an election. The city's position was that the comprehensive plan was not subject to the referendum process. The proposed amendment is to expressly provide that the comprehensive plan and master plans will be excluded from the referendum process.

Proposition 6

Shall section 11.01 of the City Charter be amended to authorize the City Commission to extend the boundaries of the city by annexation of property as provided by state law?

FOR

AGAINST

Proposition 6

The annexation provisions of section 11.01 reflect the provisions of annexation law prior to the amendments made by the Legislature in 2017. Under current law, annexation generally requires consent of the property owner or approval by majority vote.

Texas Local Government Code, Section 43.0545, requires that the area being annexed be contiguous to the municipal boundaries. Other sections provide limited exceptions, as municipal-owned property and land within a utility district with a strategic partnership agreement allowing non-contiguous annexation.

The proposed amendment would allow the City to negotiate strategic partnership agreements to include non-contiguous annexation.



Questions?



RICHMOND
EST. **TEXAS** 1837

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-21

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS TO SUBMIT PROPOSITIONS ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF RICHMOND HOME RULE CHARTER, RELATING TO ELECTION OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS BY MAJORITY VOTE; FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OR COMMISSIONER; IN THE EVENT OF THE ABSENCE OF TWO COMMISSIONERS, COUNTING THE MAYOR'S PRESENCE TOWARD THE QUORUM AND ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO VOTE; ALLOWING THE CANCELLATION OF A GENERAL ELECTION AS PROVIDED BY STATE LAW; PRECLUDING THE REFERENDUM PROCESS FROM APPLYING TO COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND MASTER PLANS; ALLOWING THE ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL TERRITORY AS PROVIDED BY STATE LAW; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

WHEREAS, the City Charter of the City of Richmond ("City") was adopted in May 2013, and has served the City well; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 10.04 of the Richmond City Charter, in 2015, the City Commission appointed a fifteen (15) member Charter Review Commission to determine whether any Charter provisions require revision; and

WHEREAS, based on the report of the Charter Review Commission and a petition proposing an amendment to require single member districts, and a recommendation from staff, the City Commission called a Charter amendment election held on May 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the election, the proposed amendments, except the single member district election, were approved; and

WHEREAS, staff review of the Charter, as amended, has technical inconsistencies and does not provide for authority consistent with state laws; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Secs. 10.03 and 10.05 of the Charter and Sec. 9.004, Texas Local Government Code, the City Commission proposes to present to the qualified voters of the city propositions to amend the Charter to provide for election of the Mayor and each Commissioner by majority vote; the procedure for filling a vacancy in the office of Mayor or the office of City

Commissioner; in the event of the absence of two Commissioners, counting the Mayor's presence toward the quorum and allowing the Mayor to vote; allowing the cancellation of a general election pursuant to state law; precluding the referendum process from applying to the repeal of comprehensive plans and master plans; and providing for the annexation of additional territory as provided by state law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 9.004(e), the ballot shall be prepared so that a voter may approve or disapprove any one or more amendments without having to approve or disapprove all of the amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission hereby finds and determines that propositions to be submitted are in compliance with the Texas Local Government Code and that the holding of this election on the uniform election date set forth below is in conformance with all applicable election laws, **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. A Special Election shall be held on the 3RD day of November, 2020, a uniform election date, in the CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS, ("City") which date is not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption of this ordinance (the "Ordinance"), for the purpose of submitting the following propositions to the qualified voters of the City to amend the Charter of the City. Said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 2. Ballot Propositions. The official ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid proposition. Voters should place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way they wish to vote.

SECTION 3. The following measures will be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the election to be held on the date specified in the previous section in the form of propositions in accordance with Section 9.004 of the Texas Local Government Code and the City Charter.

I. AMENDMENTS

PROPOSITION ONE

Shall Sections 5.02 and 5.11 of the City Charter be amended to provide for the Mayor and each Commissioner be elected by majority vote?

FOR AGAINST

If Article V, Sections 5.02 and 5.11 of the City Charter is amended to provide for the election of the Mayor and each Commissioner by majority vote, the section shall read as follows:

Sec. 5.02. - General Elections.

The general City election shall be held annually on the first Saturday in May, or if such not be authorized, the date nearest thereto as may be established by law. The Mayoral or Commission candidate for elective office receiving a majority of the votes cast at the election, meaning more than fifty percent (50%) of number of the votes cast for the office shall be declared the winner.

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Sec. 5.11. - Term of Office.

The Mayor and each Commission Member shall serve until his or her successor is elected or appointed and qualified to serve. The regular term of office of the Mayor and the Commission Members shall commence at the first Commission meeting following the canvass of the election at which they receive a majority vote. A Member of the Commission elected in a run-off election shall take office at the first Commission meeting following the day on which the votes for the run-off election are canvassed. The remaining term of a Member of Commission elected at a special election shall commence at the first Commission meeting after the canvass of votes for the election at which they receive the majority of votes cast for the office.

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PROPOSITION TWO

Shall Section 3.05 of the City Charter be amended to provide a procedure for appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor or Commissioner when the remaining term is twelve months or less and require an election when the remaining term is greater than twelve months?

FOR AGAINST

If Article III, Section 3.05 of the City Charter is amended to define the procedure for appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor or Commissioner when the term is twelve months or less and to require an election when the remaining term is more than twelve months, the section shall read as follows:

Sec. 3.05. - Vacancies, Forfeiture and Filling of Vacancies.

(1) The office of a Commission Member or the Mayor shall become vacant upon his/her death, resignation, forfeiture of, or removal from office by any manner authorized by law or this Charter.

(2) If the Mayor or any member of the City Commission is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings without explanation acceptable to a majority of the remaining Commission Members, his/her office shall be declared vacant at the next regular meeting of the City Commission by resolution. Mayor may vote on this Resolution only to obtain the required two (2) vote minimum per [Section 3.09](#).

(3) Any person on the City Commission who ceases to possess the required qualifications for office or who is convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or is convicted of violating any state laws or City ordinance regulating conflicts of interest of municipal officers shall forfeit his/her office. Every forfeiture shall be declared by Resolution and enforced by the City Commission.

(4) If there is a vacancy in the office of Mayor ~~when the unexpired term of office is 12 months or less~~, the Mayor Pro Tem ~~may~~ serve as Mayor until the next municipal election at which time a new Mayor shall be elected in accordance with the Texas Election Code. If the Mayor Pro Tem should refuse to serve as Mayor, ~~one of~~ the remaining City Commission members, ~~may be selected by majority vote of the remaining City Commissioners, to~~ serve as Mayor until the next municipal election at which time a new Mayor shall be elected in accordance with the Texas Election Code. If the remaining Commission Members ~~s~~ refuse to serve as Mayor, the Commission may appoint a qualified resident to serve as Mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The vacancy created by the Mayor Pro Tem or ~~a~~ Commission Member being appointed to Mayor may be filled ~~as set forth in subsection (6) or (7) below.~~

~~(5) If there is a vacancy in the office of Mayor when the unexpired term of office is greater than 12 months, an election shall be called in accordance with the Texas Election Code for the election of a new Mayor. The Mayor Pro Tem shall serve as the presiding officer until the election and qualification of a new Mayor. Should the Mayor Pro Tem decline to serve as the presiding officer, the remaining Commissioner Members, by majority vote, may select one of the remaining City Commissioners to serve as presiding officer until the election and qualification of a new Mayor. The Mayor shall appoint a new Mayor Pro Tem at the next regular meeting after the vacancy is filled.~~

~~(6) If a vacancy in the City Commission were to occur and the unexpired term is 12 months or less, other than that of the Mayor, that position may be filled by selection of a person qualified for the position, as described in this Charter, within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of the vacancy by nomination by the Mayor or any Commissioner and a vote of the remaining Commission Members s and the Mayor.~~

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(7) If the vacancy in the City Commission were to occur and the unexpired term of the vacated place on the Commission is greater than 12 months, that position must be filled by election in accordance with state law.

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(8) All vacancies filled by appointment or election shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the office so filled. Specifically, any person elected to a vacancy that occurs in the first or second year of a three-year term shall serve out the remainder of that term.

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PROPOSITION THREE

Shall section 3.09 of the City Charter be amended to provide when two Commissioners are absent to count the presence of the Mayor toward the quorum of a Commission meeting and allow the Mayor to vote?

FOR AGAINST

If Article III. Section 3.09 of the City Charter is amended to provide when two Commissioners are absent to count the presence of the Mayor toward the quorum of a Commission meeting and allow the Mayor to vote, the section shall read as follows:

Sec. 3.09. - Quorum.

A majority of Commission Members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business. No action of the City Commission, except as specifically provided in this Charter, shall be valid or binding unless adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the City Commission places occupied at the time of the vote. The presence of the Mayor at any Commission meeting shall not count toward a quorum unless two Commissioners are absent, then the Mayor does count toward a quorum and is allowed to vote on all matters during the absence of the Commissioner~~s~~. No Ordinance, Resolution or action by the City Commission shall be binding unless the matter receives two (2) affirmative votes.

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PROPOSITION FOUR

Shall section 5.02 of the City Charter be amended to authorize the City Commission to cancel a general election as provided by state law?

FOR AGAINST

If Article V. Section 5.02 of the City Charter is amended to authorize the City Commission to cancel a general election as provided by state law, the section shall read as follows:

Sec. 5.02. - General Elections.

The general City election shall be held annually on the first Saturday in May, or if such not be authorized, the date nearest thereto as may be established by law. The general election may be cancelled as provided by state law. The Mayoral or Commission candidate for elective office receiving a plurality, meaning the greatest number of the votes cast shall be declared the winner.

PROPOSITION FIVE

Shall section 6.03 of the City Charter be amended to preclude the referendum process from applying to comprehensive and master plans?

FOR AGAINST

If Article VI. Section 6.03 of the City Charter is amended to remove comprehensive plans and master plans from the referendum process, the section shall read as follows:

Sec. 6.03. - Referendum.

The people of the City shall have the power to require reconsideration by the Commission of any adopted ordinance regarding any issue that would be a proper subject for an initiative, and if the Commission fails to repeal an ordinance so reconsidered, to approve or reject the ordinance at an election. Such power shall not extend to the budget; capital expenditures; levy of taxes; any bonds, certificates of obligation or any similar obligations; zoning; comprehensive or master plans; annexation; or any rates, fees and charges; provided that tax increases shall be subject to petition as provided by state law.

PROPOSITION SIX

Shall section 11.01 of the City Charter be amended to authorize the City Commission to extend the boundaries of the city by annexation of property as provided by state law?

FOR AGAINST

If Article XI. Section 11.01 of the City Charter is amended to authorize the City Commission to extend the boundaries of the city by annexation of property as provided by state law, the section shall read as follows:

Sec. 11.01. - Annexation; Extensions of Boundaries.

The boundaries of the City may be enlarged and extended by the annexation of additional territory, irrespective of size and configuration, ~~as may be prescribed by state law.~~

~~(1) The City Commission may also annex city-owned property as may be prescribed by state law.~~

~~(2) When any additional territory has been so annexed, the same shall be a part of the City and the property situated therein shall bear its pro rata part of the taxes levied by the City. The inhabitants thereof shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the other citizens of the City and shall be bound by the acts, ordinances, resolutions and regulations of the City.~~

~~(3) The extraterritorial jurisdiction boundaries may be extended by the Commission as provided by state law.~~

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Deleted: (A) City Initiated Annexation. The City Commission shall have the power by ordinance to fix the boundary limits of the City and to provide for the alteration and extension of said boundary limits and the annexation of additional territory, lying adjacent to the City, in the manner provided by state law.¶

(B) The City Commission may also initiate the process of annexation of contiguous and adjacent land within the existing extraterritorial jurisdiction boundaries and under such procedural rules as may be prescribed by state law.¶
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II. BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION ONE

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FOR AGAINST

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FOR AGAINST

SECTION 4. City Commission directs that the Special Election called hereby shall be conducted in conjunction with and in accordance with the requirements of the Ordinance calling the General Election called for May 6, 2020 and postponed until November 3, 2020, as amended.

SECTION 5. Necessary Action. That the Mayor and the City Secretary of the City, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 6. Severability. In the event any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, provision, sentence or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Commission of the City of Richmond, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more parts.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the date of its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 10th day of August, 2020.

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Gary W. Smith, City Attorney



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A7. Adjournment.