ORDINANCE 2024-O-02A

AN ORDINANCE CALLING AND ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) COUNCILMEMBERS TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS, DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACE AND APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT AND JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT; PROVIDING THE FORM OF THE BALLOT; DIRECTING THE GIVING OF NOTICE; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE GENERAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Marble Falls ("CITY") has the authority to call a General Election on May 4, 2024 to elect three city Councilmembers to serve in at-large place positions, each term consisting of two years; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council also has the authority pursuant to Chapter 271, Texas Election Code, to enter into joint election agreements with the other political subdivisions also holding a general election and/or special election on the same date; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council also has the authority pursuant to Chapter 31, Texas Election Code, to enter into a contract for election services with the County of Burnet, Texas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARBLE FALLS, TEXAS:

- Section 1. General Election Ordered. A general municipal election is hereby ordered to be held on the 4th day of May, 2024 for the purpose of electing three (3) councilmembers to atlarge two (2) year terms each by the qualified voters of the City of Marble Falls to be conducted as prescribed herein.
- Section 2. Notice of Election. Notice of the election shall be given and the election shall be held in compliance with the provisions of the *Texas Election Code* in all respects. The ballots for the election shall comply with the *Texas Election Code* and be in the form provided by the City to the Burnet County Elections Administration for use on the voting devices and ballots used by Burnet County.
- Section 3. Filing Period. Candidates may file their application beginning at 8:00 am, Wednesday, January 17, 2024 and no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, February 16, 2024 with the City Secretary, Marble Falls City Hall, 800 Third Street, Marble Falls, Texas, on any weekday that is not a City holiday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. All applications shall be on a form as prescribed by the Texas Election Code.
- <u>Section 4.</u> <u>Ballot Drawing.</u> The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot for such General Election shall be determined by a drawing to be conducted by the City Secretary.

Section 5. Voting Precincts. The election precincts for the election shall be the election precincts established by Burnet County, provided that each shall contain and include geographic area that is within the City. The polling place for each such election precinct shall be the polling place established by Burnet County for such election precincts in Burnet County and voting by residents of the City. The polls shall remain open on the day of the election from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. The returns for precincts in Burnet County will be provided by precinct and the Burnet County Elections Administrator shall tabulate and provide the election returns for the election.

Election Precincts 19 and 20

Election Day Polling Place: Texas Tech

806 Steve Hawkins Parkway Marble Falls, Texas 78654

Section 6. Election Judges, Alternates and Clerks. The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges, and clerks for the election shall be selected and appointed by Burnet County and its appointees in compliance with the requirements of state law, and such judges and clerks so selected by Burnet County and its appointees are hereby designated and appointed by the City Council as the election officers, judges and clerks, respectively, for the holding of said general election. The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges, and clerks shall perform the functions and duties of their respective and alternate election judges that are appointed by Burnet County for the election.,

Section 7. Early Voting. Early Voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, will be conducted by the Burnet County Elections Administrator who is designated and appointed as the Early voting Clerk, in accordance with the *Texas Election Code*. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the times, places and locations authorized by state law and the Burnet County Elections Administrator (Exhibit A). Early voting shall commence on April 22, 2024 and continue through April 30, 2024. Early voting extending hours shall be held as established by the Burnet County Elections Administrator. Early

Section 8. Ballot by Mail. Applications for ballot by mail can be requested from the Elections Administrator and shall be mailed to and received by the Burnet Council Elections Administrator, 220 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas 78611 no later than April 23, 2024.

Section 9. Conduct of Election The election shall be held and conducted by the Burnet County Elections Administrator in compliance with state law and the Election Agreement. Qualified resident voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at the election. Votes shall be tabulated at the central counting station designated by the Burnet County Elections Administrator in the contractual agreement.

Section 10. Canvassing of Returns: Declaring Results. Returns of said election shall be made known as soon as possible after the closing of the polls and as upon contractually agreed. The Election Officer shall make a written return of the Election results to the City Council in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The Council shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the Election. The candidate receiving a majority of votes for such position to be filled at such General Election shall be declared elected.

 $\underline{\underline{Section~11.}}$ $\underline{\underline{Effective~Date}}$. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED, AND APPROVED this 6th day of February, 2024.

Dave Rhodes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christina McDonald, TRMC

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Josh Brockman-Weber, City Attorney

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Exhibit A

May 4. 2024

4 de mayo de 2024

LOCAL ELECTIONS

ELECCIONES LOCALES

Burnet County, Texas

Condado de Burnet, Texas

Early Voting Locations and Hours

Sitios y Horarios de Votacion Adelante

Polling Place El centro electoral AgriLife Auditorium Texas Tech			Address Domicillo 607 N. Vandeveer St. 806 Steve Hawkins Pkwy.			City Ciudad Burnet, TX 78611 Marble Falls, TX 78654	
	April 29 29 de abril 7am-7pm	April 30 30 de a 8am-5p	bril				MAY 4 Mayo 4 ELECTION DAY 7am - 7pm