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## ORDINANCE No. 2023-44 TOWN OF ROUND TOP, TEXAS

## ORDERING TOWN OFFICERS' ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2023

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) ALDERPERSONS; DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING THE FORM OF THE BALLOT FOR SUCH ELECTION; DIRECTING THE NOTICE OF SUCH ELECTION; AND PROVIDING DETAILS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION.

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WHEREAS the laws of the State of Texas provide that on May 6, 2023, there shall be elected three (3) Aldermen-at-Large, each for two-year terms for the Town of Round Top, Texas; and,

WHEREAS the laws of the State of Texas further provide that the Election Code of the State of Texas is applicable to said election, and in order to comply with such Code, an Ordinance and Order shall be passed establishing procedures to be followed in said election and designating the voting place for said election; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ROUND TOP, TEXAS, THAT:

- 1. The Town Officers' Election shall be ordered to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Round Top Town Hall, 102 Main Street, Round Top, Fayette County, Texas for the purpose of electing three (3) aldermen-at-large.
- 2. The entire Town of Round Top shall constitute one election precinct for said election. The polls on Election Day shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- 3. All independent declared candidates for the election to be held on May 3, 2023, for the above-mentioned offices shall file their application to become candidates with the Town Clerk or his designee at Round Top Town Office, 202 N Live Oak Street, Round Top, Texas beginning Wednesday, January 18, 2023, and continuing during regular office hours until Friday, February 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. No applications for declared candidates shall be accepted after that date and time. Such applications shall be in accordance with State Law.

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4. All independent undeclared candidates (write-in candidates) for the election to be held on May 7, 2023, for the above-mentioned offices shall file their applications to become candidates with the Town Clerk or his designee at Round Top Town Office, 202 N Live Oak Street, Round Top, Texas beginning on January 18, 2023, and ending on February 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. No applications for write-in candidates shall be accepted after that date and time. Such applications shall be in accordance with State Law.

- 5. The order of the names to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing to be held by the Town Clerk as provided by the Election Code. The drawing shall take place on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 12:00 noon at Round Top Town Offices, 202 North Live Oak Street, Round Top, Texas.
- 7. Terri Hefner, Fayette County Election Administrator is hereby appointed Clerk for Early Voting. The Elections Administrator's permanent county employees are hereby appointed early voting clerks.
- 8. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 7:00 a.m. and shall continue during regular office hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) through Tuesday, May 2, 2023, except for extended hours (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) on Monday, April 24, 2023, and Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Early voting by personal appearance shall take place at the Fayette County Elections Office, Meadows Building, 275 Ellinger Road, La Grange, Texas.
- 9. Applications for a ballot to be voted by mail may be mailed, faxed, or electronically transmitted by email to:

Fayette County Elections Office

Attn: Terri Hefner, Elections Administrator

PO Box 605

La Grange, TX 78945-0605

Telephone: 979.968.6563 Fax number: 979.968.6426

Email: elections@co.fayette.tx.us

Website: www.co.fayette.tx.us/page/fayette.Elections

Applications for ballots by mail (ABBMs) must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2023.

Federal post card applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2023.

- 10. Early votes shall be canvassed by the Early Balloting Board in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The appointed Presiding Judge at the polling place shall serve as the Presiding Judge of the Early Balloting Board with two (2) clerks serving at the polling place making up the other members of the board.
- 11. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code and only qualified resident voters of the Town of Round Top shall be eligible to vote at said election.

- 12. The candidate receiving a majority of votes in each of the positions to be filled in the Municipal Election shall be declared elected to such position.
- 13. The Mayor shall give notice of this election in accordance with the Texas Election Code and Article 29e, Vernon's Revised Civil Statutes and all necessary orders, writs and returns for said election shall be issued by the proper authority(ies).
- 14. In accordance with the order of the Town Council, the Town Clerk has posted written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting in which this ordinance was passed on the bulletin board outside of Town Hall, a place readily accessible to the public. Such notice has been continuously posted for 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of such meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 13th day of February 2023.

ATTEST:

Mark Massey, Mayor

Sylvie Armstrong Town Clerk

M/2		Yeas	Nays	N/V	Absent
	M. Massey				
M	A. Bone				
	K. Sharp				
	L. Conine				
	G. Walla				
2	O. Massey				

Passed / Failed Sylvie Armstrong, Town Clerk Date