

NOTICE OF CITY OF EAST BERNARD, TEXAS, SPECIAL ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of City of East Bernard, Texas

NOTICE OF HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Alderman of the City of East Bernard, Texas, has ordered and scheduled a Special Election (the "Election") for May 6, 2017, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of City of East Bernard, Texas various propositions.

**Section 1.** Ballot Proposition. The following proposition shall be submitted to qualified voters of the City of East Bernard, Texas so that voters may cast their ballots either "FOR" or "AGAINST" the following propositions:

Proposition One

*"The adoption of a local sales and use tax in the City of East Bernard, Texas at the rate of one and one-quarter (1 1/4) percent."*

**Section 2.** Persons entitled to vote. Only voters of the City of East Bernard, Texas who are qualified under state and federal law shall be allowed to vote in the Election.

**Section 3.** The present boundaries of the City constituting one election precinct, the polls shall be open for voting from seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. until seven o'clock (7:00) p.m. at the following polling place, and the following are hereby appointed officers to conduct the above-described election at said polling place:

POLLING PLACE: Wharton County Library, East Bernard Branch, 746 Clubside Drive, East Bernard, Texas 77435

ELECTION OFFICERS: Marilyn Sodolak, Presiding Judge; Catherine Wondrash, Alternate Presiding Judge

The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to provide a copy of this Ordinance to each judge as written notice of the appointment as required by Section 32.009, Texas Election Code. The Presiding Judge shall have the authority to appoint no more than five (5) clerks to assist in the holding of said election, but in no event shall the Presiding Judge appoint less than two (2) clerks.

**Section 4.** The Wharton County Elections Administrator is hereby appointed clerk for early voting; the appointment of a deputy clerk or clerks for early voting by the Elections Administrator shall be in accordance with Section 83.031 et seq. of the Texas Election Code. The East Bernard Branch of the Wharton County Library, 746 Clubside Drive, is hereby designated as the place for early voting for said election. Said clerks shall keep said polling place open during the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. until five o'clock (5:00) p.m., on each day for early voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state or federal holiday, with extended hours the last two days of early voting in which the hours shall be seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. until seven o'clock (7:00) p.m. beginning on the seventeenth (17th) day; and continuing through the fourth (4th) day preceding the date of said election. Said clerks shall not permit anyone to vote early by personal appearance on any day which is not a regular working day for the clerk's office, and under no circumstances shall they permit anyone to vote early by personal appearance at any

time when such office is not open to the public. The clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent shall be Cynthia Richter, Wharton County Elections Administrator, P. O. Box 390, Wharton, Texas 77488.

The early voting clerk, in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, shall maintain a roster listing each person who votes early by personal appearance and each person to whom a ballot to be voted by mail is sent. The roster shall be maintained in a form approved by the Secretary of State.

**Section 5.**The Election Judge is hereby appointed as Presiding Judge of the Early Ballot Board. In accordance with Section 87.001, et seq., Texas Election Code, said Presiding Judge shall appoint at least two (2) other members to said Board, and shall process early voting results in accordance with said Texas Election Code.

**Section 6.** All ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Electronic ballots shall be used for early voting by personal appearance and for voting on Election Day. Early voting by a method other than by personal appearance shall be by paper ballot.

**Section 7.**Notice of said election shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and returns of such notice shall be made as provided for in said Code. The returns of such election shall be made to the City Secretary immediately after the closing of the polls.

**Section 8.**The Notice and Order of Special Election to be published in the newspaper shall contain the full ballot in the body of the Notice and sample ballots shall also be posted at City Hall.

**CITY OF EAST BERNARD, TEXAS**



**Mayor**



**City Secretary**