

**ORDER AND NOTICE
OF A SPECIAL ELECTION
IN THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR,
JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Port Arthur will hold a Special Election to submit a proposition as to whether or not the City Charter shall be amended, on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, between the hours 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

I, Derrick Freeman, Mayor of the City of Port Arthur, Texas, as authorized by the City Council, do hereby Order and give Notice of a Special Election to be held in the City of Port Arthur, Texas, on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., to submit a proposition as to whether or not the City Charter shall be amended.

Said election shall be by Electronic Voting System as provided in Section 123.001 of the Election Code, Section 9.004, et seq., Local Government Code and the City Charter. The proposed Charter Change Amendment being attached as "A-1". The location of each polling place is shown on Exhibit "A-2". Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted between October 24, 2016 and November 4, 2016.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS:
(Localizaciones de Votacion Adelantada):

Beaumont Courthouse-Main Location	1001 Pearl St. Beaumont, Texas
Port Arthur Sub-Courthouse	525 Lakeshore Dr., Port Arthur, Texas
Rogers Park Recreation Center	6540 Gladys, Beaumont, Texas
Port Arthur Public Library	4615 Ninth Ave., Port Arthur, Texas
Theodore Johns Library	4255 Fannett Rd., Beaumont, Texas
John Paul Davis Community Center	3580 E. Lucas, Beaumont, Texas
Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library	2715 Nederland Ave., Nederland, Texas
Groves Recreation Center	6150 39th Street, Groves, Texas
Effie & Wilton Hebert Library	2025 Merriman Street, Port Neches, Texas

DATES AND HOURS FOR ALL ABOVE LOCATIONS:
(Fechas y Horas para todas las localizaciones):

October 24 - 28 <i>(Octubre 24-28)</i>	Monday - Friday <i>(Lunes - Viernes)</i>	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
October 29 <i>(Octubre 29)</i>	Saturday <i>(Sabado)</i>	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
October 30 <i>(Octubre 30)</i>	Sunday <i>(Domingo)</i>	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
October 31 - November 4 <i>(Octubre 31 - Noviembre 4)</i>	Monday - Friday <i>(Lunes - Viernes)</i>	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

DATES AND HOURS FOR LOCATIONS BELOW:
(Fechas y Horas para todas las localizaciones):

Jefferson Co. J.P. Pct 4 Bldg
(Judge Chesson's Courtroom)
Precinct One Service Center

19217 FM 365, Beaumont, Texas

1201 W. Hwy 90, China, Texas

October 29
(Octubre 29)

Saturday
(Sabado)

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 30
(Octubre 30)

Sunday
(Domingo)

closed Sunday

October 31 - November 4
(Octubre 31 - Noviembre 4)

Monday - Friday
(Lunes - Viernes)

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Please contact the City Secretary's Office at (409) 983-8115 for an Application for a Ballot by Mail or submit your request by e-mail at mailballotapplications@portarthurtx.gov.

Applications for a Ballot by Mail shall be mailed to:

Carolyn Guidry
Jefferson County Clerk
Post Office Box 1151
Beaumont, Texas 77704-1151

Applications for Mail Ballots must be received no later than the close of business on October 28, 2016.

Issued this 12th day of August, 2016.



Derrick Freeman, Mayor
City of Port Arthur

*An estimate of the anticipated fiscal impact to the municipality if the proposed amendment is approved at the election is undetermined at this time.

EXHIBIT "A-1"

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT:

SHALL SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 9 OF ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 2, 3 AND 8 OF ARTICLE III, SECTION 8 OF ARTICLE IV, AND ANY RELATED REFERENCES IN THE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ELIMINATE COUNCIL DISTRICTS 5 (WHICH IS THE COMBINED BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICTS 1 AND 4) AND 6 (WHICH IS THE COMBINED BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICTS 2 AND 3) AS FOLLOWS?

ARTICLE II. - THE COUNCIL

Section 1. - Number, Selection and Term of Office.

Beginning in May 2018, the Council shall be composed of a Mayor and Six (6) Councilmembers, each of whom, unless sooner removed under the provisions of this Charter, shall serve for a three (3) year term, from the first meeting of the Council following his election, and until his successor has been elected and duly qualified. One (1) Councilmember from each of the four (4) Districts shall be elected by majority vote of the qualified voters of the respective District. One (1) Councilmember for Positions Numbered Seven (7) and Eight (8) and the Mayor shall be elected at-large by the qualified voters of the City. The Mayor and Councilmember for Positions Seven (7) and Eight (8) shall be elected by majority vote and may reside in any District. After May 2013, neither the Mayor nor any Councilmember shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms in the same office. This provision will apply to those newly elected to the positions of Mayor and Council that take office after the May 2013 Election.

Section 2. - Qualifications.

The Council shall be composed of a Mayor and Six (6) Councilmembers, each of whom, unless sooner removed under the provisions of this Charter, shall serve for a three (3) year term, from the first meeting of the Council following his election, and until his successor has been elected and duly qualified. One (1) Councilmember from each of the four (4) Districts shall be elected by majority vote of the qualified voters of the respective District. One (1) Councilmember for Positions Numbered Seven (7) and Eight (8) and the Mayor shall be elected at-large by the qualified voters of the City. The Mayor and Councilmember for Positions Seven (7) and Eight (8) shall be elected by majority vote and may reside in any District. After May 2013, neither the Mayor nor any Councilmember shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms in the same office. This provision will apply to those newly elected to the positions of Mayor and Council that take office after the May 2013 Election.

Section 9. - Mayor Pro Tem.

At its first meeting following each regular election of Councilmembers, beginning with the 1992 election, the hereinafter designated Councilmember shall serve as Mayor Pro Tem until the next regular election. Beginning with the May 2018 election, each Councilmember shall be respectively designated by number from one (1) through six (6), corresponding to

the positions on the City Council, i.e., Councilmember designated No. One (1) shall correspond to the Councilmember for Council District One (1) and so on for each respective Council position, with Councilmember designated No. Eight (8) corresponding to Councilmember Position No. Eight (8). The office of Mayor Pro Tem shall rotate in sequence with each designated Councilmember serving a one (1) year term as Mayor Pro Tem until a Councilmember from each district serves a one year term in sequence of their district number on council, and thereafter repeating this sequence. The Mayor Pro Tem shall act as Mayor during the absence or disability of the Mayor, and shall have power to perform every act the Mayor could perform if present.

ARTICLE III. - ELECTIONS

Section 2. - Change of District Boundaries.

The City Council shall by ordinance have the power to adjust district boundaries as necessary to equalize the number of electors contained in each district. The City Council shall review boundaries not less than every four (4) years.

Section 3. - Elections.

The regular election for office of Mayor and Councilmembers to the places on the Council occupied by officers whose terms are expiring shall be held on the first Tuesday in November of each year or such other date as may be required by state election laws. In every such election each qualified voter shall vote for not more than one candidate for Mayor, one (1) candidate for Council from the voter's respective district, and one (1) candidate for Council for each of the designated at-large positions. All positions for Mayor and Council are elected by majority vote. Said election shall be ordered by the governing body. The City Secretary shall give notice of such election in accordance with the State Election Code.

Section 8. - Canvassing Election and Declaring Results. Majority Vote.

The returns of every municipal election shall be delivered forthwith by the Election Judges to the City Secretary. The Council shall canvass the returns, investigate the qualifications of the candidates, and declare the official results of the election not later than the first regular meeting following the delivery of the votes to the City Secretary. The returns of every municipal election shall be recorded in the Minutes of the Council by precinct totals. The qualified person receiving the majority of votes cast in the case of the Mayor or Councilmember for Districts One (1) through Four (4) and Councilmembers for positions Number Seven (7) and Eight (8) shall thereupon be declared by said Council elected.

Should any candidate for Mayor or Districts One (1) through Four(4) or positions Number Seven (7) and Eight (8) fail to receive a majority of votes at the regular election for the office for which he is a candidate, the Council shall immediately order a special election to be held no less than ten (10) nor more than thirty (30) days after the result of the regular election has been declared, at which special election the names only of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the regular election, for the office for which they were candidates, shall be printed on the ballots or machines, and submitted to

the qualified voters for election and the candidate receiving the majority of votes at such special election, for the office for which he was a candidate, shall be duly elected.

In the event of a tie between the two candidates for any office at said second election, they shall cast lots to determine who shall be elected thereto. The decision of the Council as to qualification of candidates shall be conclusive and final for all purposes.

ARTICLE IV. - INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

Section 8. - Notice of Intention.

- (a) To initiate recall proceedings for Councilmembers serving in Districts One, Two, Three, Four, and Positions Seven and Eight and the Mayor's position, any five respective qualified voters of the District or City from which the Councilmember or Mayor was elected, shall make and file with the City Secretary an affidavit stating the name of the member of the City Council sought to be removed and a statement of reasons for the removal. Such statement shall not exceed 300 words and shall, in so far as possible, state factual grounds for the removal. The five persons shall constitute the petitioner's committee.

ELECTION PRECINCTS:**POLLING PLACES:**

Precincts (<i>precintos</i>)	Election Day Polling Locations (<i>Localizacions</i>)	Address (<i>Direccion</i>)	City, State & Zip Code
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Amelia Elementary School	565 S. Major Dr.	Beaumont, TX 77707
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Beaumont Municipal Airport	455 Keith Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77713
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Bevil Oaks Civic Center	7390 Sweetgum Rd.	Bevil Oaks, TX 77713
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	BISD Administration Building	3395 Harrison Ave.	Beaumont, TX 77706
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Calvary Baptist Church	3650 Dowlen Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77706
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Dishman Elementary	3475 Champions Dr.	Beaumont, TX 77707
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	O. C. Mike Taylor Career Center	2330 North St.	Beaumont, TX 77702
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Precinct 1 Service Center	20205 W. Hwy 90	China, TX 77613
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Rogers Park Community Center	6540 Gladys Ave.	Beaumont, TX 77706
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Roy Guess Elementary	8055 Voth Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77708
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Hebert Library	2025 Merriman St.	Port Neches, TX 77651
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Central Gardens Fire Station	3707 Central Blvd.	Nederland, TX 77627
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Groves Public Library	5600 West Washington	Groves, TX 77619
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Nederland City Hall	207 N. 12th St.	Nederland, TX 77627
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Jerry Ware Airport Terminal	5000 Jerry Ware Dr.	Beaumont, TX 77705
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	J. P. 4 Bldg	19217 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77704
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	LaBelle-Fannett VFD	12880 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77705
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library	2712 Nederland Ave.	Nederland, TX 77627
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Port Neches City Hall	1005 Merriman	Port Neches, TX 77651
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Groves Activity Building	6150 39th St.	Groves, TX 77619
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	DeQueen Elementary	740 DeQueen Blvd.	Port Arthur, TX 77640
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	El Vista Community Center	615 Ellias St.	Port Arthur, TX 77640
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Jefferson County Sub- Courthouse	525 Lakeshore Dr.	Port Arthur, TX 77640
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Memorial 9th Grade Academy	2441 61st St.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	O. W. Collins Retirement Center	4440 Gulfway Dr.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Port Arthur Public Library	4615 9th Ave.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Port Arthur Recreation Center	1308 9th Ave.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	R. L. Gabby Eldridge Center	5262 S. Gulfway Dr.	Port Arthur, TX 77655
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Travis Elementary	1115 Lakeview Ave.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Willie Ryman III Community Center	3248 39th St.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Alice Keith Park Recreation Center	4075 Highland Ave.	Beaumont, TX 77705
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Charlton-Pollard Elementary	825 Jackson St.	Beaumont, TX 77701
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Dr. Mae Jones-Clark Elementary	3525 Cleveland St.	Beaumont, TX 77703
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Hamshire Community Building	12393 2nd St.	Hamshire, TX 77622

ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Jefferson County Courthouse	1001 Pearl St.	Beaumont, TX 77701
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	MLK Middle School	1400 Avenue A	Beaumont, TX 77701
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	John Paul Davis Community Center	3580 E. Lucas Dr.	Beaumont, TX 77703
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Precinct 4 Service Center	7780 E. Boyt Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77713
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Sterling Pruitt Center	2930 Gulf St.	Beaumont, TX 77703
ALL (<i>todos</i>)	Theodore Johns Library	4255 Fannett Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77705