

ORDINANCE 2020-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS, DESIGNATING CITY ELECTION POLLING PLACES AND AMENDING THE DATES AND HOURS OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE JOINT ELECTION OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART AND CALDWELL COUNTY TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

WHEREAS, state and city law provide that on November 3, 2020 there shall be a general election for the purpose of electing Mayor; Councilmember District 3; and, Councilmember District 4; and

WHEREAS, state law further provides that the Texas Election Code applies to said election, and in order to comply with said Code, a city ordinance should be passed designating the voting places for said election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also has the authority pursuant to Chapter 271, Texas Election Code, to enter into a joint election agreement with Caldwell County, which is a political subdivision that is also holding an election on the same date; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2020, the City Council approved Ordinance 2020-14 ordering the November 3, 2020 General Election and approved the Joint Election Agreement between the City of Lockhart and Caldwell County; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued a Proclamation extending early voting days to begin on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 continuing through October 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2020, the Caldwell County Commissioners Court approved the polling locations to be used during the November 3, 2020 General/Joint Election, and established the hours of which the early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the Main and Temporary Branch early voting locations; and

WHEREAS, Section 42.008 of the Texas Election Code allows a Commissioners Court to consolidate election precincts during an election in November if the polling place is located so it will adequately serve the voters of the consolidated precinct; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Election Code, polling places selected by a county for county election precincts that are within a city are also the polling places for city elections that are held on the November uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of Caldwell County polling places within the City of Lockhart for the November 3, 2020 elections requires the City to change its polling places for said election to conform with County polling places within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City exercises no discretion with regard to the use of the County's voting precincts and polling places for the November 3, 2020 joint election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Partial Repeal of Ordinance 2020-14. Lockhart Ordinance No. 2020-14, regarding the City's November 3, 2020 election, is amended only regarding the dates and hours of which the Main and Temporary Branch early voting locations will be available for citizens to vote early by personal appearance.

Section 2. Voting Precincts. Except as otherwise provided herein, the presently existing boundaries and territory of the respective Caldwell County Election Precincts that are wholly or partially within the territorial boundaries of the CITY are hereby designated as the joint voting precincts of the CITY for the November 3, 2020 Election.

The COUNTY has the Election Precincts that include polling locations within the City limits and said election shall be held at the polling places as listed in Exhibit "A" on November 3, 2020.

Section 3. Early Voting. The Joint Early Voting Clerk for all purposes shall be Pamela Ohlendorf under the terms of the Joint Election Agreement.

Early Voting Polling Places

The Main Early Voting Polling Place is hereby designated as:

Scott Annex Building
1403 Blackjack St.
Lockhart, Texas 78644

The Temporary Early Voting Polling Place is hereby designated as:

Luling Civic Center
333 E. Austin St.
Luling, TX 78648

Early voting by personal appearance at the Early Voting Polling locations shall be conducted as follows:

Tuesday, October 13, 2020	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 14, 2020	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 15, 2020	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, October 16, 2020	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 17, 2020	Closed
Sunday, October 18, 2020	Closed
Monday, October 19, 2020	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 20, 2020	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 21, 2020	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 22, 2020	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, October 23, 2020	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 24, 2020	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 25, 2020	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, October 26, 2020	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27, 2020	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 28, 2020	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 29, 2020	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 30, 2020	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Main Early Voting Polling Place shall also remain open on the day of the Election during the hours the polls are required to be open for voting by the Texas Election Code.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision, section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or un-enforced, the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or its application shall not be affected, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting and of the Mayor in approving this ordinance that no portion, provision, or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by way of reasons of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any other portion, provision or regulation.

Section 5. Repealer. That all other ordinances, sections, or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the City of Lockhart in conflict with the provisions set out above in this ordinance are hereby repealed or amended as indicated.

Section 6. Publication. That the City Secretary is directed to cause the caption of this ordinance to be published in a newspaper of general circulation according to law.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.


PASSED AND APPROVED September 15, 2020.

CITY OF LOCKHART



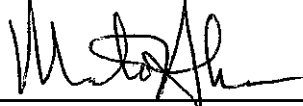
Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Monte Akers, City Attorney

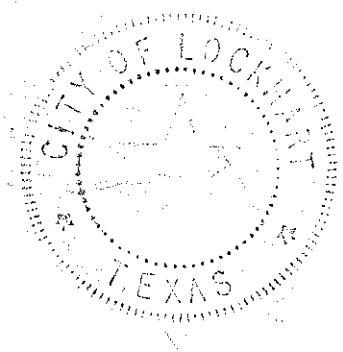


EXHIBIT "A"

<u>Polling Location</u>	<u>County Precincts</u>	<u>City District</u>
First Lockhart Baptist Church Hall 315 W Prairie Lea Lockhart, TX 78644	100	4
Lockhart Jr High School Girls Gym 500 City Line Rd Lockhart, TX 78644	118 & 103	3
VFW Post 8927 Hall 7007 S US Hwy 183 Lockhart, TX 78644	104	N/A
McMahan Women's Club 6022 FM 713 McMahan, TX 78616	204 & 205	N/A
Luling Civic Center 333 E Austin St Luling, TX 78648	206	N/A
Three Rivers Community Center 103 Main St Martindale, TX 78655	301	N/A
Maxwell Fire Station 9655 FM 142 Maxwell, TX 78656	302	N/A
Uhland Community Center 15 N Old Spanish Trl Uhland, TX 78640	303	N/A
Fentress Community Church 13423 State Park Road Fentress, TX 78622	305	N/A
St. Mark's Methodist Church Hall 602 E Live Oak St Lockhart, TX 78644	105, 109 & 401	1
St Mary's Catholic Church Hall 205 W Pecan St Lockhart, TX 78644	108, 400, 402, 407, 408, 409 & 412	1, 2, 3, 4
Lytton Springs Baptist Church Hall 8511 FM 1854 Dale, TX 78616	306 & 404	N/A
Luling First Baptist Church Hall 218 N Magnolia Ave Luling, TX 78648	203	N/A
Lockhart High School 1 Lion Country Drive Lockhart, TX 78644	101	4
Dale Community Center 100 Civic Drive Dale, TX 78616	405	N/A
Lions Evening Club 220 Bufkin Ln Lockhart, TX 78644	102, 110 & 111	1 and 4
Southside Club House 1005 S. Magnolia Ave Luling, TX 78648	201 & 202	N/A