

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-0217B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMER, TEXAS, ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 7, 2022 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER TO REDUCE THE TAX RATE ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMER OF \$0.561900 PER \$100 OF VALUATION TO THE VOTER-APPROVAL RATE OF \$0.5476 PER \$100 OF VALUATION; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS; DESIGNATING LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES; DESIGNATING FILING DEADLINES; ORDERING NOTICES OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on or about September 12, 2021, after compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council of Wilmer, Texas adopted a tax rate of \$0.561900 per \$100 of valuation; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Tax Code Sec. 26.075(c) and 26.075(c) (2) provide that three percent (3%) of the qualified voters of a taxing unit may submit a petition to place on the ballot at the next uniform election date whether to reduce the adopted tax rate for the current year to the voter-approval rate; and

WHEREAS, a petition was submitted in compliance with the Texas Tax Code and with Sec. 277.002 of the Texas Election Code

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND REMEMBERED BY THE CITY OF WILMER, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. On this the 17th day of February 2022, at a duly convened Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Wilmer, Texas, a quorum being present, the Council issued the following order:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a General Election be held in the City of Wilmer, Texas, on the 7th day of May, 2022, Uniform Election Day, the same being the first Saturday of the month, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of considering a proposition to reduce the tax rate in Wilmer, Texas for the current year from \$0.561900 (current year) to \$0.5476 (voter-approval tax rate).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That such general election shall be held as a Joint Election administered by the Dallas County Elections Administrator in accordance with the provisions of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE and a Joint Election Agreement; and,

None but legally qualified voters of the City of Wilmer shall be entitled to vote, and,

The Proposition A shall either pass with more "Yes" votes than "No" votes and, if there are more "Yes" votes than "No" votes, the tax rate for the current year of \$0.561900 per \$100 of valuation shall be reduced to the voter-approval rate of \$0.5476 per \$100 of valuation, and,

If the Proposition A shall receive more "No" votes than "Yes" votes, the tax rate adopted for the current year of \$0.561900 per \$100 of valuation shall remain in effect.

SECTION 2. Michael J. Scarpello, Dallas County Elections Administrator, is the appointed early voting clerk in compliance with Section 271.006 of the Texas Election Code. Other deputy early voting clerks will be appointed as needed to process early voting mail and to conduct early voting at the branch locations.

Early voting by personal appearance shall also be conducted at the Wilmer Community Center, Main Room located at 101 Davidson Plaza, Wilmer, Texas 75172. Also, early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the main and branch locations beginning Monday, April 25, 2022 through Friday, April 29, 2022, between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 30, 2022, between 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, May 1, 2022, between 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; and Monday, May 2, 2022 through Tuesday, May 3, 2022, between 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; and,

Any qualified voter of Wilmer may vote early for the Joint Election by personal appearance at either the main early voting location or at any Dallas County Branch Early Voting location, as published by the Dallas County Elections Department and in accordance with the Joint Election Agreement.

MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE:

Dallas County Records Building
1520 Round Table Drive
Dallas, Texas 75247

BRANCH EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES:

Branch early voting for the joint election to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, will be conducted at various branch early voting polling locations as published by the Dallas County Elections Department and in accordance with the Joint Election Agreement. A list of all Dallas County Early Voting Polling locations is available at www.dallascountyvotes.org.

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
Michael J. Scarpello, Elections Administrator,
1520 Round Table Drive, Dallas, Texas 75247

Applications for ballot by mail shall be received and processed by the Dallas County Elections Administrator, Michael Scarpello, located at 1520 Round Table Drive, Dallas, Texas 75247. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2022.

The polling places for voters on Election Day shall be the Wilmer Community Center, 101 Davidson Plaza, Wilmer, Texas 75172 and any of the other branch locations, as

published by the Dallas County Elections Department and in accordance with the Joint Election Agreement. The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This ORDINANCE shall serve as the Order of Election (as required by Section 3.001 of the Code) and the City Secretary is hereby directed to post a Notice of Election (as required by Section 4.001 of the Code), a copy of which is attached hereto as "Exhibit A". A copy of the Notice of Election shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council not earlier than January 18, 2021, the 103rd day before Election Day, and not later than February 12, 2021, the 78th day before Election Day.

Notice of said election shall be published once in the official newspaper of the City not earlier than April 7, 2022, the 30th day before Election Day, and not later than April 27, 2022, the 10th day before Election Day. Such notice shall also be posted on the Bulletin Board used to publish notice of City Council Meetings not later than Friday, April 14, 2022, the last business day prior to the 21st day before Election Day; and,

A copy of the published notice that contains the name of the newspaper and the date of publication shall be retained as a record of such notice, and the person posting the notice shall make a record at the time of posting stating the date and place of posting and deliver a copy of said notice posted to the Mayor of the City of Wilmer after the posting is made.

SECTION 2. That the vote shall be upon an official ballot prepared in such manner as will permit the voters "FOR" or "AGAINST" the proposition submitted, with the proposition to be set forth on the official ballots in substantially the following form:

Proposition A

"Reducing the tax rate in Wilmer, Texas for the current year from \$0.561900 (tax rate adopted for current year) to \$0.5476 (voter-approval tax rate)."

SECTION 3. The City Secretary shall present such returns to the City Council for the canvassing of said election. The canvass of said election returns shall be conducted by the City Council not earlier than the 3rd day nor later than the 11th day after the election.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law in such cases provides.

DULY ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Wilmer, Texas on this the 17th day of February, 2022.

ATTEST:


Mayra A. Ortiz, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Sheila Petta, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael B. Halla, City Attorney



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF WILMER, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed are the Dallas County's locations for Election Day Vote Centers that will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 7, 2022, for voting in a special election for the purpose of determining whether to reduce the tax rate adopted by the City Council at a rate of \$0.561900 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation.

LOCATION OF A POLLING PLACE*:

Wilmer Community Center (Main Room)
101 Davidson Plaza
Wilmer, Texas 75172

*All eligible Wilmer registered voters may vote at any one of the additional Election Day Vote Centers open under full contract services with the Dallas County Elections Administration. *

EARLY VOTING – DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

Wilmer Community Center	Cedar Valley College - "M"	Lancaster Veterans Memorial
101 Davidson Plaza, Wilmer,	Building – M105	Library, The Meeting Room
Texas 75172	3030 North Dallas Avenue	1600 Veterans Memorial
	Lancaster, Texas 75134	Pkwy
		Lancaster, Texas 75134

April 25th – 29th	Monday – Friday	8am to 5pm
April 30th	Saturday	7am to 7pm
May 1st	Sunday	12pm to 6pm
May 2nd - 3rd	Monday – Tuesday	7am to 7pm

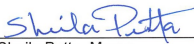
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Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Michael J. Scarpello, Joint Election Early Voting Clerk, 1520 Round Table Drive, Dallas, Texas 75247, faxed to: (214) 819-6303, or emailed to evapplications@dallascounty.org.

Applications for ballots by mail (ABBM) must be received not later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. If applications are faxed or e-mailed, the original application must be received by the Joint Election Early Voting Clerk no later than the fourth (4th) business day after the Clerk received faxed or e-mailed applications.

Issued this the 17th day of February, 2022.



Sheila Petta, Mayor