ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2021-10414

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IRVING ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY AT THE NEXT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATE ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2021, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) COUNCIL MEMBERS TO PLACES 4, 6 AND 8; DESIGNATING THE PLACE AT WHICH THE ELECTION IS TO BE HELD; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND OTHER PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; ORDERING A SUBSEQUENT RUN-OFF ELECTION, IF NECESSARY; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVING, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That an election is hereby ordered to be held on the next regular municipal election date to be participated in by the qualified voters of the City of Irving, Texas, to be held on May 1, 2021, which is not less than sixty-two (62) days from the date of this ordinance, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., at the voting places hereafter named, for the purpose of electing Council members to Place 4, Place 6, and Place 8. All places shall be three (3) year terms. A candidate for Place 4 must live in District 4, a candidate for Place 6 must live in District 6, and a candidate for Place 8 may live in any area of the City. In the event any candidate for an office fails to receive a majority of all votes cast for such office, a run-off election shall be held on a date designated by Dallas County Elections Administration consistent with the Texas Election Code and/or City Charter.

SECTION 2. That qualified persons may file for a place on the ballot by filing an application and accompanying petitions in the City Secretary’s Office during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each weekday, beginning Wednesday, January 13, 2021 and continuing until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2021.

SECTION 3. That the City election precincts for this election shall consist of the territory located within the corporate limits of the City, and the polling places at said election shall be countywide polling places (commonly referred to as “Countywide Vote Centers”) located in Dallas County. Exhibit “A,” attached hereto, includes the countywide polling places located in the City. A complete list of election day countywide polling places is attached as Exhibit “B.” Exhibits will be determined in the Joint Election Services Contract between Dallas County and the City and are subject to change by Dallas County.

SECTION 4. Early voting shall be conducted by the Dallas County Elections Administrator, Michael Scarpello, who is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk and Laura Granado, Early Voting Manager of the Dallas County Elections Department, is hereby appointed as Chief Deputy Early Voting Clerk, said voting to be conducted by the Office of the Elections Department. The main early voting polling place is George L. Allen Sr. Courts Building, 600 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas 75202. Michael Scarpello, Dallas County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed as Manager of the Central Count Station. Early voting in the City of Irving will be conducted in the lobby of the City Hall Building, 825 West Irving Boulevard; Irving Arts Center, 3333 North MacArthur Boulevard, Ste. 200; Valley Ranch Public Library, 401 Cimarron Trail, Program Room; and all other locations in
Dallas County as designated by the Dallas County Elections Administrator. The required early voting period of said election as well as additional times established by the City Council is as follows:

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SECTION 5. All requests for early voting ballots by mail shall be sent to and received by Dallas County Elections Department, 1520 Round Table Drive, Dallas, Texas 75247, 214-819-6300, or via email to evapplications@dallascounty.org for processing. Persons voting by mail will send their voted ballots to the Dallas County Elections Department.

SECTION 6. That all resident qualified electors of each district up for election of the City shall be permitted to vote in said election. In addition, the election material enumerated in the Texas Election Code shall be printed in both English and Spanish for use at the polling place and for early voting in said election.

SECTION 7. The Office of the Elections Department, 1520 Round Table Drive, Dallas, Texas 75247, is hereby established as the Central Count Station to receive and tabulate votes for said election, and the Irving City Hall Building, 825 West Irving Boulevard, Irving, Texas 75060 shall be established as a regional counting station.

SECTION 8. Notice of this election shall be given by posting and publication, as required by law.

SECTION 9. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to be severable and that if the validity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance.

SECTION 10. That this ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage.

[Signature]
RICHARD H. STOPFER
MAYOR

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Shanae Jennings
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
[Signature]
Kuruvilla Oommen
City Attorney