

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-004**

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Richland Hills, Texas (“City”) is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Richland Hills Charter provides that city elections shall be held in accordance with laws of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code, as amended by the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, establishes the first Saturday in May as a uniform election date for the purposes of conducting a General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.004(b) of the Texas Election Code provides that the governing body of a municipality shall be the authority to order a General Election for the purposes of electing members to the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will enter into joint election agreements and contracts for election services with Tarrant County pursuant to Texas Election Code (“Code”) Sections 31.092 and 271.002.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS:**

Section 1: **General Election Called.** An election is hereby called to elect City Council Places 1, 3, 5, and 7 to serve from May 2017 until May of 2019, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The election shall be held on May 6, 2017 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

<b><u>PRECINCT</u></b>	<b><u>VOTING LOCATION</u></b>
Precinct One (includes County voting precincts 3041, 3177, 3214, 3324, 3333, 3364, 3575, 3664, & 3665)	Library Community Room 9015 Grand Avenue North Richland Hills, TX 76180
Precinct Two (includes County voting precincts 3140, 3215, 3289, 3326, 4620 & 4629)	Dan Echols Center 6801 Glenview Drive North Richland Hills, Texas 76180
Precinct Three (includes County voting precincts 3049, 3063, 3177, 3209, 3367, 3387, 3447, 3507, 3527, & 3584)	Former Bursey Road Senior Center 7301 Bursey Road, North Richland Hills, TX 76182

Section 2: **Application for Place on Ballot.** Qualified persons may file as candidates by filing with the City Secretary, or her designee, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning January 18, 2017,

and ending February 17, 2017. Each application for a place on the ballot shall be accompanied by either a filing fee of One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars payable to the City, or in lieu of the filing fee, a petition seeking the candidate's name to be placed on the ballot. Such petition must be signed by at least one hundred fifty (150) qualified voters of the City. Forms for the petition shall be furnished to potential candidates by the City Secretary.

Section 3: **Joint Election Agreements Approved.** The Mayor is authorized to enter into joint election agreements and contracts for election services with Tarrant County conducted under the authority of Chapter 271 of the Election Code (the "Agreements"). The election shall be conducted pursuant to the election laws of the State of Texas.

Section 4: **Early Voting.**

a. **Early voting by personal appearance.** Early voting by personal appearance will be held jointly with other political subdivisions in Tarrant County beginning on April 24, 2017 and will continue through May 2, 2017 at the locations established by Tarrant County on the dates and times as follows or as may be amended by Tarrant County:

April 24 – April 28	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 29	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
April 30	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
May 1 - May 2	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The main early voting location shall be located at:

Tarrant County Elections Center  
2700 Premier Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76111

North Richland Hills early voting locations also include:

Dan Echols Center 6801 Glenview Drive North Richland Hills, TX 76180	North Richland Hills Library 9015 Grand Avenue North Richland Hills, TX 76180
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b. **Early voting by mail.** Stephen Vickers, Tarrant County Chief Deputy Elections Administrator (Chief Deputy Elections Administrator), or his designee, is hereby designated as Early Voting Clerk for the general election. The Tarrant County Chief Deputy Elections Administrator may appoint other deputy early voting clerks as necessary. Applications for early voting by mail may be delivered to the Chief Deputy Elections Administrator at the following address: Early Voting Clerk, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111, beginning January 1, but not later than April 25, 2017 if delivered by mail. Early voting by mail ballots shall be mailed to the Chief Deputy Elections Administrator at the same address.

All resident qualified electors of the City shall be permitted to vote at said election and, on the day of the election, such electors shall vote at the polling place designated for the Election Precinct in which they reside.

- c. **Early voting by Ballot Board.** Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, shall be canvassed by the Early Voting Ballot Board, which is hereby created. The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Election Judge, as set forth in the Agreements, shall serve as the presiding officer and alternate presiding officers, respectively, of the Early Voting Ballot Board. The other election officers serving at the election shall serve as the other members of the Early Voting Ballot Board.

Section 5: **Runoff Election.** In accordance with Section 2.025 of the Texas Election Code, in the event no candidate receives a majority of votes for an office, there shall be a runoff election held on June 10, 2017. The polling place on Election Day for the runoff election shall be at the same polling places as those of the original election, and the hours of voting shall be between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Early voting by personal appearance shall be held at the same locations set out in Section 4 hereof on each day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official State Holiday, beginning on Monday, May 29, 2017 and continuing through Tuesday, June 6, 2017 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. except June 3 and June 5-6 when voting will be between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. and June 4 when voting will be between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Section 6: **Method of Voting.** Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted exclusively on Tarrant County's eSlate electronic voting system. On Election Day, Tarrant County voters shall have a choice between voting on the eSlate electronic voting system or by a paper ballot that is scanned at the polling place using Tarrant County's eScan voting system. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials therefore, and the employment of all election officials are hereby authorized, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Agreements and the Code.

Section 7: **Governing Law and Qualified Voters.** The election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Code, and all resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at the election.

Section 8. **Publication and Posting of Notice of Election.** Notice of the election shall be given as required by Chapter 4 of the Code.

Section 9. **Necessary Actions.** The Mayor is authorized to execute a joint election agreement and contract for election services with Tarrant County whereby

Tarrant County will provide all material, supplies and personnel to hold the election contemplated hereby, including any runoff election which may be required, and will be responsible for coordinating, supervising and administering the joint election. This resolution shall be construed with any action of the governing bodies of other Tarrant County political subdivisions providing for the conduct of a joint election as herein contemplated. The Mayor and the City Secretary of the City, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

**CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Oscar Trevino, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Alicia Richardson, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

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Maleshia B. Farmer, City Attorney