

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-54**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE FIVE AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE SIX; ORDERING A RUNOFF ELECTION FOR THE POSITION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE FIVE TO BE HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH OTHER RUNOFF ELECTIONS WITHIN HAYS COUNTY ON DECEMBER 14, 2024; ESTABLISHING EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THIS ELECTION; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCTING THE ELECTION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY CREATING THE NEED TO ADOPT THIS ORDINANCE WITH ONLY ONE READING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

### **RECITALS:**

1. On August 5, 2024 the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2024-35 ordering a general election to be held on November 5, 2024 for the purpose of electing a Mayor, City Council Member, Place Five and City Council Member, Place Six.

2. The election was duly and legally held on November 5, 2024, in conformity with the election laws of the State of Texas, and the results of the election have been certified and returned by the proper judges and clerks.

3. The City Council of the City of San Marcos, Texas convened on November 18, 2024 to consider the returns of the General Election held on November 5, 2024 with the following members present: Mayor, Jane Hughson; Mayor Pro Tem, Alyssa Garza; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Saul Gonzales; Council Member, Matthew Mendoza; Council Member, Shane Scott; Council Member, Jude Prather; and Council Member, Mark Gleason.

4. It appears to the City Council, and the City Council finds, that the election was in all respects lawfully held.

5. It appears to the City Council, and the City Council finds, that the tabulation of the results of the election is correct.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** The General Election of November 5, 2024 was duly called, notice of the election was given in accordance with law, and the election was held in accordance with law.

**SECTION 2.** The tabulation of votes cast in the General Election held on November 5, 2024, for the purposes stated in Recital 1 above, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this ordinance as Exhibit "A," is adopted as the official tabulation of the votes cast at the

election, and the tabulation will be filed and recorded in the official records of the City of San Marcos as the official canvass of the election.

**SECTION 3.** The official canvass of the returns of the election reflects the following:

**A. For Mayor:**

Jane Hughson	14,172 – 58.98%
Juan Miguel Arredondo	9,858 – 41.02%

**B. For City Council Member, Place Five:**

Roland Saucedo	5,201 – 26.29%
Atom Von Arndt	3,371 – 17.04%
Griffin Spell	4,795 – 24.24%
Lorenzo Gonzalez	6,414 – 32.43%

**C. For City Council Member, Place Six:**

Amanda Rodriguez	13,187 – 64.19%
Maraya Dunn	7,358 – 35.81%

**SECTION 4.** That Jane Hughson received a majority of the votes and is elected to serve as Mayor and that Amanda Rodriguez received a majority of the votes and is elected to serve as City Council Member, Place Six.

**SECTION 5.** That no candidate for the position of City Council Member, Place Five, received a majority of votes cast and a runoff election is hereby ordered for December 14, 2024 between Roland Saucedo and Lorenzo Gonzales to be conducted concurrently with other runoff elections within Hays County on that date.

**SECTION 6.** On Election Day, eligible City of San Marcos voters may vote at any of the locations listed below from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Voters are not limited to only voting in the precinct where they are registered to vote:

<b>POLLING PLACE</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CITY</b>
Hays County Elections Office	120 South Stagecoach Trail	San Marcos

**SECTION 7.** Jennifer Anderson is appointed Early Voting Clerk for the City.

**SECTION 8.** The main early polling place for early voting by personal appearance for the election is the Hays County Elections Office, 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, TX 78666. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted during the following stated dates and times (excluding holidays) at the following locations:

Date  
December 2 – 6, 2024  
December 7, 2024  
December 9 -10, 2024

Time  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

<b>POLLING PLACE</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CITY</b>
Hays County Government Center	120 Stagecoach Trail	San Marcos
Kyle City Hall	100 West Center Street	Kyle

**SECTION 9.** Early voting by mail ballot shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code. The address of 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas 78666, shall be the Early Voting Clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent for the City.

**SECTION 10.** All early votes and other votes to be processed in accordance with early voting procedures pursuant to the Texas Election Code shall be delivered to the Early Voting Ballot Board at the Hays County Election Administrator's office which is located in the City, in accordance with the Election Code. Early votes shall be counted at the central counting station. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall perform in accordance with applicable provisions of the Election Code.

**SECTION 11.** The Verity Duo Hybrid voting system, shall be utilized in connection with the election. This system shall be utilized for all early voting as well as for all voting conducted on Election Day. Ample voting equipment shall be provided for early voting and in each of the various vote centers on Election Day. The central counting station is established as the Hays County Elections Office, 120 Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1012, San Marcos, Texas.

**SECTION 12.** The Hays County Elections Administrator will appoint the Early Voting Ballot Board, a Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station, a Tabulation Supervisor of the Central Counting Station, and a Central Counting Station Manager.

**SECTION 13.** The election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Charter and ordinances of the City of San Marcos and the laws of the State of Texas.

**SECTION 14.** An executed copy of this ordinance will serve as proper notice of the election.

**SECTION 15.** A writ of election as required by the Texas Election Code will be duly delivered by the Hays County Election Administrator to the presiding and alternate judges of each election precinct in which the election is ordered to be held.

**SECTION 16.** Testing of the automatic tabulating equipment will be performed and notice thereof will be given in accordance with Subchapter D of Chapter 127 of the Texas Election Code.

**SECTION 17.** The rate of compensation to be paid judges, clerks, and assistants to the Central Counting Station Presiding Judge and Tabulation Supervisor for services rendered during the Election will be compensated at the rate of no more than \$12.00 per hour.

**SECTION 18.** The additional compensation to be paid judges who deliver returns of the Election is established at \$25.00.

**SECTION 19.** If any portion of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 20.** The importance of this ordinance creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity, and the provisions of the Charter requiring that ordinances be presented at two separate meetings be waived and, this ordinance will take effect immediately upon adoption.

**CONSIDERED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** on November 18, 2024.

Jane Hughson  
Mayor

Attest:

Approved:

Elizabeth Trevino  
City Clerk

Samuel J. Aguirre  
City Attorney

**EXHIBIT A**  
[ATTACHED ON FOLLOWING PAGE]