



ORDINANCE 011023A

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF LEONARD, FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 O'CLOCK A.M. AND 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M., BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LEONARD, FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS WITH THE EARLY VOTING FOR THE CITY OF LEONARD BEING CONDUCTED IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS BETWEEN THE DATES OF APRIL 24, 2023 AND MAY 2, 2023, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M.. OFFICE HOURS WILL BE 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. ON APRIL 27, 2023, AND MAY 2, 2023, FOR SAID PURPOSES OF ELECTING THREE (3) AT-LARGE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE ENSUING TWO (2) YEAR TERM.

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

Section 1. That a general municipal election for the City of Leonard, Fannin County, Texas be held by the qualified voters of the City of Leonard, Fannin County, Texas on Saturday, **May 6, 2023**, between the hours of **7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.** for the purpose of electing three (3) at-large City Council members for a two- (2) year term.

Section 2. That the polling place for this election shall be as follows:

Polling Place:

**City Hall Council Chamber
111 W. Collin St
Leonard, Texas 75452**

Section 3. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance and by mail. The period for early voting by personal appearance for the general election shall be **April 24 through May 2, 2023**. Paper ballots shall be used for early voting by mail and direct recording electronic voting machines shall be used for early voting by personal appearance. The Early Voting Clerk for said elections shall be the **City Secretary**, who shall determine the number of election workers to be hired and arrange for training of all election workers. Early voting by personal appearance for the general election shall be conducted at the location and on the following dates and times specified by the Early Voting Clerk:

Early Voting Times:	April 24 – April 26 (Monday - Wednesday)	8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
	April 27 (Thursday)	7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

April 28 & May 1
(Friday & Monday)

8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

May 2
(Tuesday)

7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Section 4. There is hereby created an Early Voting Ballot Board, which consists of the presiding Election Judge and two Board Members to be appointed by the said Early Voting Clerk. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall carry out the duties enumerated in Chapter 87 of the Election Code of the State of Texas.

Section 5. Early Voting by mail ballot shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code. The address of **PO Box 1270, Leonard, TX 75452**, 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 6. Early Voting by email ballot shall be conducted in accordance with Section 84.007 of the Election Code allows email transmission of a completed, scanned application for a ballot by mail containing an original signature and to require the early voting clerk to designate an email address for receipt of such application. All email ballot requests should be emailed to **citysec@cityofleonard.net**.

Section 7. All ballots by mail and provisional ballots shall be processed in accordance with early voting procedures pursuant to the Texas Election Code and shall be delivered to the Early Voting Ballot Board at the indicated address.

Section 8. A Direct Record Electronic ("DRE") System, as the term is defined in the Texas Election Code, shall be utilized in connection with the election. This system shall be utilized for all early voting as well as for voting conducted on election day. The Fannin County Clerk shall program the automatic tabulating equipment. Ample voting equipment shall be provided for early voting and on election day. The central counting station is established at the Fannin County Clerk's Office 800 E. 2nd St., Bonham, Texas 75418.

Section 9. Such election shall be held in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas governing general and municipal elections, insofar as the same may be applicable, and with the provision of the Ordinances of the City of Leonard, wherein such laws and ordinances do not conflict with the above-described Order.

Section 10. The City Secretary of the City of Leonard is hereby directed and instructed to post a properly executed Notice of Election pursuant to this Order of Election, signed by the Mayor of the City of Leonard and attested by the City Secretary, on the bulletin board provided for notices at the City Hall, at the polling place designated above at least twenty-one (21) days before the election; further, a properly executed copy of such Notice of Election shall be published at least one time not more than thirty (30) days nor less than ten (10) days before the election in at least one daily newspaper. Notice will be published in the Leonard Graphic, and a copy of the notice shall be filed with the City Secretary of the City of Leonard, together with the posting officer's return and the newspaper certificate of publication.

Section 11. A writ of election as required by the Texas Election Code will be delivered on or before **April 21, 2023**, by the Early Voting Clerk to the presiding judge, alternate judge, and clerk in which the election is ordered to be held.

Section 12. 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 13. The rate of compensation to be to the paid judge, alternate judge and clerk and assistants to the Fannin County Clerk's Office for services rendered during the election will be compensated at the rate stated below:

Fannin County Clerk's Office will be compensated as stated in the interlocal agreement between Fannin County and City of Leonard.

Appointed Election Judge or Clerk will be compensated for early voting duties **from April 24 through May 2, 2023**, in the amount of \$350.00.

Election Judge will be compensated for election day duties in the amount of \$175.00.

Alternate Judge and Election Clerk will be compensated for election day duties in the amount of \$125.00 respectfully.

Section 14. Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this Ordinance be adjusted or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional.

Section 15. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances or parts of ordinances governing or regulating the sale subject matter as that covered herein; provided, however, that all prior ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent such inconsistency is apparent. This ordinance shall not be construed to require or allow any act which is prohibited by any other ordinance.

Section 16. The Mayor is authorized to execute and the City Secretary is authorized to attest this Ordinance on behalf of the City Council; and the Mayor is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.

Section 17. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as may be required by law.

Section 18. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Leonard on the 10th day of January 2023.

ATTEST:


Melissa Verde, City Secretary


Michael Pye, Mayor