

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-104**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, PECOS COUNTY, TEXAS, ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 3, 2025, IN THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES; ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION PRECINCTS WITHIN THE CITY; APPOINTING AN ELECTION JUDGE AND ALTERNATE JUDGE AND SETTING THE RATE OF PAY FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS, SETTING THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF ELECTION CLERKS AND DESIGNATING THE EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD; ESTABLISHING OTHER PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Home Rule Charter for the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, allows charter amendments in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Texas Local Government code, Chapter 9, the City Council finds it appropriate to submit proposed charter amendments on its own motion to the qualified voters of the City of Fort Stockton for their consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Stockton enters into agreements with Pecos County to conduct the City's elections, pursuant to Chapter 31, Tex. Elec. Code, and Chapter 791, Tex. Gov't Code and such agreements provide for political subdivisions that hold elections on the same day in all or part of the same territory to hold joint elections as authorized in Chapter 271, Tex. Elec. Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Stockton contracts with the Pecos County Elections Administrator for administration and coordination of any General and Special City Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to designate polling places for the election, to appoint the necessary election officers, to establish and set forth procedures for conducting the election, and authorize the City of Fort Stockton to enter into a contract with Pecos County to conduct the election.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS THAT:**

**SECTION 1**

**Home Rule Charter Amendment Election Called**

A Special Election shall be held for the City of Fort Stockton, Texas (the "City") on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to consider amendments to the City of Fort Stockton's Home Rule Charter

**SECTION 2**

**Adoption of Charter Amendments**

The official ballots for the election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote FOR or AGAINST the proposition, with the ballots to contain such provisions, marking, and language as required by law and with such proposition to be expressed substantially as follows:

**PROPOSITION A:**  
*(PROPUESTA A:)*

**SECTION 3.04 MAYOR, OR MAYOR PRO-TEM**  
*(SECCIÓN 3.04 ALCALDE, O ALCALDE INTERINO)*

B. The Mayor Pro-Tem shall be a Council Member elected by the City Council. ~~at the first meeting in June following the general election.~~ The Mayor Pro-Tem shall act as a Mayor during the disability or absence of the Mayor, and in this capacity shall have the rights conferred upon the Mayor. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Mayor Pro-Tem, the City Council shall elect a new Mayor Pro-Tem at the next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs.

*(B. El alcalde temporal será un concejal elegido por el Concejo municipal. ~~en la primera reunión de junio posterior a la elección general.~~ El alcalde temporal actuará como alcalde durante la incapacidad o ausencia del alcalde, y en esta capacidad tendrá los derechos conferidos al alcalde. Si se produce una vacante en el cargo de alcalde temporal, el Concejo municipal elegirá un nuevo alcalde temporal en la siguiente reunión ordinaria después de que ocurra la vacante)*

- ☐ FOR *(A FAVOR)*  
☐ AGAINST *(EN CONTRA)*

**SECTION 3**  
**Precinct and Election Day Polling Place Established**

Voting for the City of Fort Stockton Special Election can be done at any of the following polling locations on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.:

**LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES**  
*(UBICACIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)*

Pecos County Annex Courtroom  
200 S. Nelson  
Fort Stockton, Texas 79735

**SECTION 4**  
**Appointment of Election Judge, Alternate Election Judge & Clerks**

The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Election Judge shall be appointed by Pecos County as indicated in the Contract and authorized by Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code.

The Election Judges to serve at the polling places of said election shall be and are hereby appointed as follows:

<b>PRESIDING JUDGE &amp; EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD ALTERNATE JUDGE</b>	<b>Linda Blanco</b>
<b>ALTERNATE JUDGE</b>	<b>Veronica Williams</b>
<b>EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD PRESIDING JUDGE</b>	<b>Sandy Young</b>

- a) In accordance with Section §32.091(a) of the Texas Election Code, the Judges and Clerks shall be paid at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.
- b) There shall be a minimum of three (3) Clerks at the polling place, which includes the Presiding Judge.

**SECTION 5**  
**Method of Voting**

The Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary supplies to conduct the special election, in accordance with this Ordinance and the Texas Election Code. Voting at the election shall be by electronic means.

**SECTION 6**  
**Early Voting**

- a) **Early Voting Clerk.** The Pecos County Election Administrator is designated as the Early Voting Clerk. Additional Deputy Early Voting Clerks may be appointed, as provided in the Contract.

**Early Voting by Personal Appearance.** Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday beginning on April 21, 2025, and continuing through April 29, 2025, at the following locations at the designated times:

**Pecos County Annex Courtroom  
200 S. Nelson  
Fort Stockton, Texas 79735  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

- b) **Early Voting by Mail.**

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

*(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)*

**SOPHIA FRANCO, PECOS COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR**

Name of Early Voting Clerk

*(Nombre del Secretario/a de la Votación Adelantada)*

**200 S. NELSON**

Address

*(Dirección)*

**FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS 79735**

City, State, Zip

*(Ciudad, Estado, Zona Postal)*

**(432) 336-2115**

Telephone Number

*(Número de teléfono)*

**sophia.franco@co.pecos.tx.us**

E-mail Address

*(Correo Electrónico)*

**www.co.pecos.tx.us**

Website

*(Sitio Web)*

**Applications for ballots by mail (ABBM)s must be received no later than the close of business on April 22, 2025.**

*(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el día 22 de abril de 2025.)*

**Federal Post Card Application (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on April 22, 2025.**

*(La Tarjeta Federal Postal de Solicitud deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el día 22 de abril de 2025.)*

- c) **Early Voting Ballot Board.** In accordance with Section §87.004 of the Texas Election Code, the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge and two (2) Clerks shall serve as the Early Voting Ballot Board to verify signatures and confirm the count of Early Voted Ballots received.

## **SECTION 7 Notice**

A notice of the Special Election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted not later than the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) day before the election on the bulletin board used for posting notices

of meetings of the City Council and shall be published at least once, not earlier than the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day nor later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day before the election in a newspaper published and of general circulation in the City of Fort Stockton.

**SECTION 8  
Governing Law**

This election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the United States and the Texas Election Code and all resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote in the election.

**SECTION 9  
Necessary Actions**

The Mayor and City Secretary of the City, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action necessary to comply with provisions of the Texas Election Code or other state and federal statutes and constitutions in carrying out the conduct of the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

**SECTION 10  
Effective Date**

The ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OR THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS** on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.



**Frank Rodriguez III, City Manager**

**CITY OF FORT STOCKTON**

**Paul Casias, Mayor**

**Attest:**

**Marina Cantu, City Secretary**

**Approved As To Form & Legality:**

**Jesse Gonzales, Jr., City Attorney**