

**TOWN OF PINE ISLAND, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINE ISLAND, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ON MAY 4, 2024, TO SUBMIT A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE TOWN FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF AN INITIAL LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE TOWN OF PINE ISLAND AT THE RATE OF ONE PERCENT (1.0%) FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES; DESIGNATING THAT THE ELECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY WALLER COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE TOWN'S CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY'S ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR; PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES AND APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES AND OTHER ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; DIRECTING THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pine Island, Texas ("Town") is a Type C general-law municipality of the State of Texas located wholly within the territorial limits of Waller County; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 321 of the Texas Tax Code authorizes the Town Council to order an election to submit a proposition on the levy and collection of a local sales and use tax in the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the initial sales and use tax will not result in the combined rate of all sales and use taxes imposed by the Town and other political subdivisions having territory in the Town from exceeding the maximum amount permitted by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council wishes to proceed with the ordering of an election for May 4, 2024, the next uniform election date, and appointing election officials required for the conduct of the election, and has deemed it advisable to call the election hereinafter ordered; and

**WHEREAS**, the meeting to adopt this Ordinance was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Government Code, as amended:

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINE ISLAND, TEXAS, THAT:**

**Section 1.** In accordance with the General Laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, a Special Municipal Election is hereby called and ordered to be held for the first Saturday in May, 2024, same being the 4<sup>th</sup> day of said month, at which an election proposing the adoption of a local sales and use tax in the Town of Pine Island, Texas at the rate of one percent (1.0%). Each

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**Section 7.** Pursuant to Section 83.005, TEXAS ELECTION CODE, Christy Easton, Waller County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed clerk for early voting; the appointment of a deputy clerk or clerks for early voting by the Waller County Elections Administrator shall be in accordance with Section 83.031 *et seq.* of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE. Early voting will be conducted on the dates, times and locations appointed by order of the Commissioners' Court of Waller County, Texas. Said clerks shall not permit anyone to vote early by personal appearance on any day that is not a regular working day for the clerk's office and, under no circumstance, shall they permit anyone to vote early by personal appearance at any time when such office is not open to the public. The early voting clerk, in accordance with the provision of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE, shall maintain a roster listing of each person who votes early by personal appearance and each person to whom a ballot to be voted by mail is sent. The roster shall be maintained in a form approved by the Secretary of State.

**Section 8.** The Presiding Judge of the Early Ballot Board shall be appointed by order of the Commissioners' Court of Waller County, Texas. In accordance with Section 87.001 *et seq.*, TEXAS ELECTION CODE, said Presiding Judge shall appoint at least two (2) other members to said Board, and shall process early voting results in accordance with said TEXAS ELECTION CODE.

**Section 9.** All ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the TEXAS ELECTION CODE. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election and the purchase or rental of materials or equipment therefore is hereby authorized. The Waller County Elections Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct such election.


**Section 10.** The PROPOSITION's "FOR" or "AGAINST" option receiving the highest number of votes in the Election shall be declared as the winner.

**Section 11.** Notice of this election shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE and returns of such notice shall be made as provided for in said Code. The County Elections Officer shall issue all necessary orders and writs for such elections, and returns of such election shall be made to the City Secretary immediately after the closing of the polls.


**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 2024.

The Town of Pine Island, Texas

Attest:

  
Sheri Ordner, Secretary  
2-13-2024

By:

  
Steve Nagy, Mayor  
02/13/2024