

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS, ORDERING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF MAY, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE COMMISSION MEMBERS FOR POSITIONS ONE (1) AND THREE (3) AND FIVE (5); MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Rio Hondo City Commission deems that, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, a general election should occur on May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing a Commission member to Position No. One (1); and Commission Member Three (3) and Commission Member Five (5) and;

WHEREAS, the Rio Hondo City Commission wishes to proceed with the ordering of such election, and the City Commission has determined that holding such election is in the public interest; and;

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Texas further provide that the Texas Election Code ("Code") is applicable to all general municipal elections; and, in order to comply with the Code, an ordinance should be passed establishing the procedures to be followed for the general election to be held on May 3, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. General Election. In accordance with the laws and the Constitution of the State of Texas, a general election is hereby ordered to be held in and throughout the City of Rio Hondo on May 3, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock pm., at which general election all qualified voters of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas (the "City") may vote for the purpose of electing the following officials of the City:

- Commission Member Place (One) (1); and
- Commission Member Place Three (3), and
- Commission Member Place Five (5).

Section 2. Placement on Official Ballot. That any eligible and qualified person may have his/her name printed upon the official ballot as an independent candidate for the office of Commission member by filing a sworn application with the City Administrator/Secretary of the City of Rio Hondo no later than 5:00 p.m., February 14, 2025. The form of the sworn application for the candidates for the office of Commission member shall be as set forth by Section 141.031 of the Texas Election Code.

Section 3. Candidate Qualifications. That the qualifications of the Commission members are as follows:

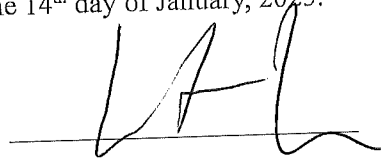
1. Shall be a citizen of the United States of America
2. Shall be a qualified voter of the State of Texas and the City of Rio Hondo
3. Shall have resided for at least twelve (12) months preceding the election within the corporate limits of the City of Rio Hondo, including territory annexed prior to the filing deadline;
4. Shall be of at least 21 years of age;
5. Shall comply with all other sections of the Election Code of the State of Texas

Section 4. The City Administrator/Secretary is further authorized to give or cause to be given notices required for the general election, and to take such other and further action as is required to conduct such election in compliance with the Texas Election Code.

Section 5. Compliance with Law. In all matters relating to the ordering, giving notice, and holding the general election, the City shall comply with the applicable parts of the Texas Election Code, including Chapter 272 of the Texas Election Code pertaining to bilingual requirements, and the Federal Voting Rights of 1965 as amended.

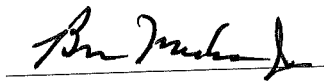
Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage by the City Commission of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas.

INTRODUCED, READ AND PASSED on by the affirmative vote of the City Commission of the City of Rio Hondo on this the 14th day of January, 2025.



Gustavo Olivares, Mayor

Attest:



Ben Medina, City Administrator