

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLUTE, TEXAS, CONTAINING A PREAMBLE; CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY, 2026, BEING MAY 2, 2026, FOR THE ELECTION AT LARGE OF A MAYOR FOR SAID CITY AND AN ELECTION BY WARDS FOR POSITIONS A, C AND E ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAID CITY; PROVIDING FOR ONE (1) POLLING PLACE AND DESIGNATING THE LOCATION THEREOF; ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES TO BE VOTED UPON; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND SPECIFYING A FILING DEADLINE AND THE DATE WHEN FILING MAY BEGIN; PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS; APPOINTING THE OFFICERS OF SAID ELECTION AND DESIGNATING THE NUMBER OF CLERKS TO ASSIST IN CONDUCTING SAID ELECTION AND THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID THE ELECTION JUDGE AND CLERKS; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR RATIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION BY THE MAYOR OF SAID CITY OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, Section 5.01A of said Charter provides that members of the City Council shall be elected by wards, that Positions A, C and E on City Council, which represent Wards A, C and E, respectively, shall be filled by an election to be held on the first Saturday in May of each even numbered year at which only persons residing in Wards A, C or E are eligible to become candidates for election to Council Positions A, C or E, respectively, and at which only voters residing in Wards A, C or E are eligible to vote for or against the candidates seeking election to City Council Positions A, C or E, respectively; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2022-002, establishes the boundaries of each such wards but does not specify the polling place therefor; and,

WHEREAS, Section 4.01 of the Home Rule Charter of the City provides that the Mayor of the City shall be elected for a two-year term of office at an election to be held on the first Saturday in May of each even-numbered year; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Election Code has been amended to require that municipal election be held on the first Saturday in May each year and Section 4.02 of the Home Rule Charter of the City further provides that, in the event of conflict, all elections for mayor shall be on a dated when such elections are authorized by the Texas Election Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLUTE, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE--Elections Called

Pursuant Section 15.18 of the Home Rule Charter of the City, the Mayor and City Council of the City hereby order and ordain, respectively, there shall be held on the first Saturday in May, 2026, being May 2, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m.

(1) an election in Wards A, C and E for the purpose of electing for a two (2) year term

each, persons to the following offices of the City, to-wit: Council Position A, now held by JEFF CRISP, Council Position C, now held by NICOLE MADDOX, and Council Position E, now held by FRANCES VAUGHN; and,

(2) an election at large in the City for the purpose of electing for a term of two (2) years a Mayor, a position now held by CALVIN SHIFLET.

SECTION TWO--Municipal Polling Places

As provided in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the City and the Brazoria County Clerk Election Department, incorporated herein by reference, there shall be one (1) municipal polling place within the corporate limits of the City, the Clute Event Center located at 100 Parkview Drive, Clute, Texas, where all voters of the City residing in Wards A, B, C, D and E, as established by Ordinance No.2022-002, shall vote on the day of such election. On that day, voting will also be permitted at the Election Day Polling Locations and during the specific hours as set by the Brazoria County Clerk.

SECTION THREE--Candidates, Applications and Filing Fees.

(a) Any person who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years, who has resided within the incorporated limits of the City for a period of one (1) year immediately preceding the last day on which a candidate's application for a place on the ballot could be delivered to the City Clerk, as hereinafter provided, and who resides in Ward A, C or E on such day shall be eligible to become a candidate for the office of Council Position A, C or E, respectively, by filing a sworn application as provided herein.

(b) Any person who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years, who has resided within the incorporated limits of the City for a period of one (1) year immediately preceding the last day on which a candidate's application for a place on the ballot could be delivered to the City Clerk, as hereinafter provided, shall be eligible to become a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City by filing a sworn application, as hereinafter provided.

(c) Each candidate's application shall be in writing, contain the matters set out in Section 141.031, Texas Election Code, and be filed with the City Clerk of the City.

An application may not be filed earlier than the 108th day before the day hereinabove specified for said election and must be filed not later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. of the

78th day such preceding the day hereinabove specified for said election, being January 17, 2026, and February 16, 2022, respectively, or if either of such day is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, on the next business day.

SECTION FOUR--Officers of Election and Compensation Thereof.

The Presiding Judge, Alternate Presiding Judge and clerks needed on the day of election for the election called by this ordinance, for the early ballot board and the central counting station shall be appointed, have the duties and be compensated as provided in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services mentioned above.

SECTION FIVE--Electors.

To be eligible to vote in such election, a person must, on the date such person votes, be (1) eligible to vote under the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Texas Election Code, (2) a resident of the City, (3) duly registered to vote in the Brazoria County, Texas, election precinct which includes that portion of the corporate limits of the City of Clute where such voter resides and (4), in the case of persons voting in the election for Positions A, C or E on the City Council of the City, a resident of Ward A, C or E of the City, respectively.

SECTION SIX--Early Voting.

Early voting shall begin on April 20, 2026, and end on April 28, 2026, such early voting to be conducted by the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas, during the hours and at the Early Voting Polling Locations, as set by the Brazoria County Clerk as set forth in the attached Exhibit A and as may be amended and updated by the Brazoria County Clerk.

SECTION SEVEN--Method of Voting and Conducting Election.

Both early voting and all voting on the day named above for the holding of the election called by this ordinance shall be in the manner specified in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services mentioned above.

SECTION EIGHT--Notice of Election.

The Mayor of the City is hereby authorized and directed to issue a notice of said election, to cause the same to be posted for at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date named above for the holding of said general annual

election on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the City Council of the City, and to be published in the Brazosport Facts, a newspaper published in the City having a general circulation therein and the official newspaper of the City, not later than ten (10) days nor earlier than thirty (30) days before the date named above for the holding of said general annual election.

SECTION NINE--Ratification and Confirmation by Mayor.

By signing this ordinance, the undersigned Mayor of the City hereby ratifies and confirms as his action all matters hereinabove recited which by law come within his jurisdiction.

SECTION TEN--Severance Clause

In the event any section or provision of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional, void or inoperative by the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such defective provision, if any, is hereby declared to be severable from the remaining sections and provisions of this ordinance and such remaining sections and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION ELEVEN--Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of January, 2026.



Calvin Shiflet, Mayor,
City of Clute, Texas

ATTEST:



Rosie Poitevint, City Clerk,
City of Clute, Texas

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:



Christopher Duncan, City Attorney,
City of Clute, Texas

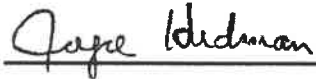
NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING AT BRANCH POLLING PLACES

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the following locations:

Angleton (Main)East Annex, 1524 E Mulberry
AlvinAlvin Library, 105 S Gordon
BrazoriaBrazoria Library, 620 S Brooks
FreeportFreeport Library, 410 Brazosport Blvd
Lake Jackson.....Doris Williams Civic Center, 333 Hwy 332 East
ManvelKeith Traylor Criminal Justice Center, 6605 North Masters
Pearland EastTom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Dr
Pearland West.....West Pearland Community Center, 2150 Countryplace Pkwy
Shadow CreekWest Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Pkwy
Sweeny.....Sweeny Community Center, 205 W Ashley Wilson Rd
West Columbia.....Precinct 4 Building #2, 121 N 10th St

DATES AND HOURS:

April 208 AM- 5 PM
April 21 .. (Closed San Jacinto Day)
April 22-25.....8 AM – 5 PM
April 27-28.....8 AM – 5 PM



Early Voting Clerk

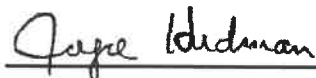
AVISO DE VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA EN LOS SITIOS DE VOTACIÓN AUXILIARES

La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo en los siguientes sitios de esta manera:

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FECHAS Y HORAS

20 de abril8 AM – 5 PM
21 de abril (cerrado día de San Jacinto)
22-25 de abril.....8 AM – 5 PM
27-28 de abril.....8 AM – 5 PM



Secretaría de la Votación Adelantada