

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07**  
**Joint Election Agreement**  
**For November 3, 2020, General Election**

**A RESOLUTION AND ELECTION ORDER BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020; AUTHORIZING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS; PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the General Election for City Council Members of the City of Benbrook, as set forth by the City of Benbrook Home Rule Charter, the Texas Election Code, and Resolution 2012-01 adopted January 19, 2012 is required to be held on November 3, 2020, at which time the voters will elect persons to fill the offices of Member of the Council, Place 2, Member of the Council, Place 4, and Member of the Council, Place 6 on the City Council of the City of Benbrook, Texas, with all places to be elected for two year terms, and;

**WHEREAS**, all of the City of Benbrook and its voting precincts are located within only the County of Tarrant; and

**WHEREAS**, by this Resolution, it is the intention of the City Council to adopt all requirements of an Election Order in accordance with state law, and authorize a contract with Tarrant County for joint election services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BENBROOK, TEXAS:**

- Section 1.** That a general election is hereby called to elect Member of the Council Place 2; Member of the Council Place 4; and Member of the Council Place 6 to serve until November 2022, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Such election shall take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Section 2.** Qualified persons may file as candidates for the General Election by filing an application with the City Secretary between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning July 18, 2020 (note: filing begins on a Saturday, but the office of the City Secretary is not required to be open on Saturday or Sunday; first date office shall be open is Monday, July 20, 2020) and ending not later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2020.
- Section 3:** The 2020 joint election agreement and contract between Tarrant County and the City of Benbrook will be forthcoming and the costs assessed to Benbrook will be in accordance to the total number of political subdivisions contracting with Tarrant County. An executable contract will be incorporated herein for all purposes hereby approved and the City Manager or his designee is authorized to execute the

contract. In the event of a conflict between this Resolution and the contract, the contract shall control.

**Section 4.** Local Election Day polling places for this joint election are designated pursuant to Section 271.003 of the Texas Election Code, and the Council finds that the following locations can most adequately and conveniently serve the voters in this election, and that these locations will facilitate the orderly conduct of the election. Voters may also vote at any Tarrant County Vote Center on Election Day.

**Location**

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
4513 Williams Road  
Benbrook, TX 76116

Benbrook Community Center  
228 San Angelo  
Benbrook, TX 76126

Highridge Church  
10100 Rolling Hills Drive  
Fort Worth, TX 76126

Restoration Family Church  
Jerry Dunn Parkway  
Benbrook, TX 76126

Western Hills Church of Christ  
8800 Chapin Road  
Fort Worth, TX 76116

Trinity Chapel  
6610 Southwest Boulevard  
Benbrook, TX 76109

Faith Lutheran Church  
4551 Southwest Boulevard  
Fort Worth, TX 76116

Agape Baptist Church  
3900 Southwest Boulevard  
Fort Worth, TX 76116

**Section 5:** The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Election Judge shall be appointed by Tarrant County as indicated in the contract and authorized by Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code.

**Section 6:** Heider Garcia, the Tarrant County Elections Administrator, ("Elections Administrator") is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for the election as indicated in the contract.

The main Early voting by personal appearance locations for Tarrant County is located at 600 West Weatherford Street, Fort Worth, Texas. The local Benbrook location is 228 San Angelo Avenue, Benbrook, Texas. The dates and hours for Early voting are:

### **Main Early Voting Locations**

Tarrant County Early Voting 600 West Weatherford Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102	Benbrook Community Center 228 San Angelo Avenue Benbrook, Texas 76126
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October 19-23, 2020	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 24, 2020	11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
October 25, 2020	11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
October 26-30, 2020	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Voters may vote at any Tarrant County Vote Center during the Early Voting period.

**Section 7:** The Elections Administrator shall be responsible for the Early Voting applications and ballots. Applications for early voting by mail may be delivered to Heider Garcia, County of Tarrant, Elections Administrator, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111, not earlier than January 1, 2020 and not later than close of business on October 16, 2020, if delivered in person, and October 23, 2020 if delivered by mail. Early voting ballots shall be mailed to the Elections Administrator at the same address. The City Secretary is directed to forward applications and ballots he may receive to the Elections Administrator.

**Section 8:** All registered qualified electors of the City shall be permitted to vote at said election and, on the day of the election, such electors may vote at any polling place located within Tarrant County.

**Section 9:** All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials there for, and the employment of all election officials are hereby authorized, and shall be conducted in accordance with the contract and the Code.

**Section 10:** Should a runoff election be required following the canvass of the November 3, 2020 election, the Council hereby orders that a runoff election be held on December 8, 2020 with the early voting period from November 23, 2020 through December 4, 2020 with the exception of November 25 and November 26, 2020. The polling places on Election Day for the runoff election shall be at the same polling places as those of the original election, and the hours of voting shall be between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Section 11:** The Elections Administrator is hereby authorized to prepare a submission to the United States Justice Department to seek pre-clearance as required by law and as provided in the Legal Documents section of the contract.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Benbrook, Texas this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

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Jerry B. Dittrich, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joanna King, City Secretary