

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A **NOVEMBER SPECIAL ELECTION** TO CONSIDER **ADOPTING A HOME RULE CHARTER**; PROVIDING FOR THE BALLOT, POLLING PLACES, THE QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS, OFFICERS OF SAID ELECTION, AND EARLY VOTING; CALLING FOR A JOINT ELECTION; AUTHORIZING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SHARING OF EXPENSES OF THE JOINT ELECTION; AND PROVIDING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE – Call of Special Election on Adoption of Home Rule Charter

a. The City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, hereby ordains that a special election shall be held in and throughout the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, on the **first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2020**, being the **3rd day of November, 2020**, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

“The adoption by the City of Iowa Colony of the Home Rule Charter proposed by the Iowa Colony Charter Commission.”

b. The ballot shall state the proposition and provide a place to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the proposition.

c. If the proposition is approved, then the City shall take the administrative steps for the Home Rule Charter to take effect.

SECTION TWO - Municipal Election Precinct and Polling Place.

For the purpose of the election called and ordained by this ordinance, the polling places for the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, shall be all of the county-wide vote centers

listed on the attachment to the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with the Brazoria County Clerk for this election.

SECTION THREE - Electors.

Every person eligible to vote under the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 2 of the Texas Election Code who is a resident of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, and who is duly registered to vote in this election shall be entitled to vote in this election.

SECTION FOUR-Officers of Election and Compensation Thereof.

The appointments, compensation, and duties of all election officers and personnel shall be as provided in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with the Brazoria County Clerk for this election.

SECTION FIVE - Early Voting.

a. The Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized to conduct early voting by personal appearance during the following dates and times:

October 19-24, 2020 ..... 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 25, 2020.....1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

October 26-30, 2020..... 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

b. The main early voting place is:

East Annex (Old Walmart)  
1524 E. Mulberry #144, Angleton

c. The locations for early voting by personal appearance shall be as designated and amended from time to time by the Brazoria County Clerk's Office for use in this joint election. At this time, such locations for early voting by personal appearance are as follows:

Angleton Main Location:	East Annex (Old WalMart Building) 1524 E. Mulberry, Room 144 Angleton
Alvin Branch Location:	Alvin Library 105 S. Gordon, Alvin
Brazoria Branch Location:	Brazoria Library 620 S. Brooks, Brazoria
Freeport Branch Location:	Freeport Library 410 Brazosport Blvd., Freeport
Lake Jackson Branch Location:	Lake Jackson Civic Center 333 Highway 332 East Lake Jackson
Manvel Branch Location:	North Annex 7313 Corporate Dr., Manvel
Pearland East Branch Location:	Tom Reid Library 3522 Liberty Dr., Pearland
Pearland West Branch Location:	Westside Event Center 2150 Countryplace Pkwy., Pearland
Shadow Creek Branch Location:	Pearland Westside Library 2803 Business Center Dr. #101 Pearland
West Columbia Branch Location:	Precinct 4 Building 2 121 N. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street, West Columbia

d. Early voting by mail shall be as provided by applicable law. The mailing address of the **Early Voting Clerk is Joyce Hudman, County Clerk, 111 East Locust, Suite 200, Angleton, Texas 77515-4654.** The email address of the **Early Voting Clerk is [cclerkelections@brazoria-county.com](mailto:cclerkelections@brazoria-county.com).**

SECTION SIX - Method of Voting and Conducting Election.

All early voting by personal appearance and all voting on the day named above for the holding of said general annual election shall be by means of whatever type of voting machine or electronic voting system is available from the voting machine department of Brazoria County, Texas. The manner of holding said election will be governed by the laws of the State of Texas governing general elections and as provided in this ordinance.

SECTION SEVEN - Notice of Election.

a. The Mayor shall cause notice of said election to be posted for at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date named above for the holding of said general annual election in each of the following places: (1) on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the City Council; and (2) on the City's internet website.

b. The Mayor shall also cause notice of said election to be published in The Alvin Sun, a newspaper published in the City of Alvin, in Brazoria County, Texas, having a general circulation within the corporate limits of the City of Iowa Colony, not earlier than thirty (30) days and not later than ten (10) days before the date named above for the holding of said general annual election.

SECTION EIGHT - Call for Joint Election.

a. This election shall be held jointly with the regular election of officers of the City of Iowa Colony held on the same date as this election.

b. This election shall be held jointly with Brazoria County and any other participating entities, pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code.

c. The Mayor and City Secretary are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the City and the Brazoria County Clerk for this election.

d. Costs of this election shall be shared as provided in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with the Brazoria County Clerk for this election.

SECTION NINE - Severance Clause

If any part of this order or ordinance, of whatever size, is ever declared invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this order shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION TEN - Effective Date

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

READ, PASSED, and APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.



MICHAEL BYRUM-BRATSEN, MAYOR  
CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS

ATTEST:



KAYLEN ROSSER, CITY SECRETARY  
CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS

Iowa Colony/Ordinance/2020 November Charter Election Ordinance

