

**ORDINANCE  
NO. 191**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSONS, TEXAS FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO (2) ALDERMEN; ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY A PROPOSITION RELATING TO WHETHER THE CITY SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ADOPT A TWO PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX PURSUANT TO SECTION 4b OF ARTICLE 5190.6, TEXAS REVISED CIVIL STATUTES (THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT OF 1979), AN INCREASE OF THE CURRENT ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN SO THAT THE SALES AND USE TAX INCREASES FROM ONE PERCENT TO TWO PERCENT;; PROVIDING FOR A JOINT ELECTION PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH FORT BEND COUNTY; 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; AND PROVIDING DETAILS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSONS, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** In accordance with the General Laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, a Joint General Municipal Election is hereby called and ordered to be held for the first Saturday in May, 2026, same being the 2nd day of said month, at which election all qualified voters of the City may vote for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) Aldermen.

**Section 2.** In accordance with the General Laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, a Joint Special Municipal Election is hereby called and ordered to be held for the first Saturday in May, 2026, same being the 2nd day of said month, at which Special Election there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City, for their action thereon, the following proposition regarding the authority of the City to levy and collect sales and use taxes within the City pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 321 of the Texas Tax Code. The official ballot for said Special Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit

electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the following proposition. The proposition shall be stated as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

"The adoption of a local sales and use tax in the Town of Thompsons at the rate of two (2) percent."

**Section 3.** The general election and special election shall be conducted as a joint election by agreement between Fort Bend County and the City.

**Section 4.** No person's name shall be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate for any of the above-mentioned positions unless such person has filed his or her sworn application as provided by Section 141.031 of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE, with the City Secretary of this City at the Town of Thompsons City Hall, 520 Thompsons Oil Field Road, Thompsons, Texas 77481. The City Secretary shall note on the face of each such application the date and time of its filing. Such application shall include the office the candidate is seeking and the number of the position the candidate is seeking.

**Section 5.** The present boundaries of the City constitute one election precinct. The polls shall be open for voting from seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. until seven o'clock (7:00) P.M. at the following polling place, and the following is hereby appointed an officer to conduct the election at said polling place:

POLLING PLACE

**Town of Thompsons City Hall  
520 Thompsons Oil Field Road  
Thompsons, Texas 77481**

**Section 6.** The Presiding Judge for the conduct of the election shall be appointed by the Commissioners' Court of Fort Bend County, Texas and is hereby authorized to appoint such alternates and clerks as may be necessary for the conduct of the election. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to provide a copy of this Ordinance to each judge as written notice of their appointment as required by Section 32.009 of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE. The appointment shall be for the election scheduled to be held May 2, 2026, and shall commence as of the date of appointment by the Commissioners' Court of Fort Bend County lasting for the duration of said election.

**Section 7.** The Presiding Judge shall have the authority to appoint no more than five (5) clerks to assist in the holding of such election, but in no event shall the Presiding Judge appoint less than two (2) clerks. Unless otherwise required to act in the capacity of Presiding Judge, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall also serve as clerk of the election. Compensation for election

judges and clerks shall be established by the Commissioners' Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, as permitted under Section 32.091, *et seq.*, TEXAS ELECTION CODE. Additional compensation, as provided under Section 32.092, *et seq.*, TEXAS ELECTION CODE, is hereby established at the maximum amount permitted by said Section.

**Section 8.** Early voting will be conducted on the dates, times and locations appointed by order of the Commissioners' Court of Fort Bend, Texas. 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. Unless ordered differently by the Commissioners' Court of Fort Bend, Texas, early voting will take place April 20, 2026, through April 28, 2026 at the below address. at Fort Bend County Annex, 4520 Reading Road, Rosenberg, Texas, 77471.

#### **EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE**

**Fort Bend County Annex  
4520 Reading Road  
Rosenberg, Texas, 77471**

**Section 9.** The Presiding Judge of the Early Ballot Board shall be appointed by order of the Commissioners' Court of Fort Bend 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 10.** 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 City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct such election.

**Section 11.** The first day to file an application for a position on the ballot for the General Election is January 14, 2026. The last day to file an application for a position on the ballot for the General Election is February 13, 2026.

**Section 12.** The candidates receiving the highest number of votes in each of the positions to be filled in the General Election shall be declared elected to such positions.

**Section 13.** The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot for the Special and General election shall be determined by a drawing by the City

Secretary, as provided by Section 52.094 of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE. The City Secretary shall post a notice in her office of the date, hour, and place of such drawing. Such notice shall remain posted continuously for seventy-two (72) hours immediately preceding the scheduled time of the drawing, and personal notice shall also be given to any candidate who makes written request for such notice and furnishes to the City Secretary a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Each candidate involved in the drawing, or a designated representative, shall have a right to be present and observe the drawing.

**Section 14.** 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.

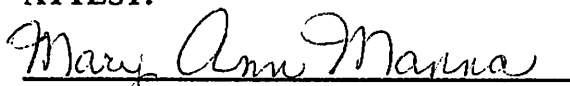
**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this the 15th day of January, A.D., 2026.

**APPROVED:**



**Freddie Newsome, Jr., Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Mary Ann Manna, City Secretary**