

RESOLUTION NO. 015-2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE FIRE AND POLICE EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ACT SHOULD BE ADOPTED FOR THE BIG SPRING FIRE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; DESIGNATING SEVERAL POLLING PLACES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE NOTICE AND HAVE THE NOTICE POSTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF SAID ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, a petition requesting an election submitting to the voters the question of whether the Fire and Police Employee Relations Act should be adopted for the Big Spring Fire Department has been filed with the City Secretary and has been certified as sufficient by the City Secretary;

WHEREAS, this City Council deems it advisable to call the election hereinafter ordered to allow the voters of the city to make such a determination; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that holding the hereinafter called election on the date set forth below is in the public interest, that the meeting at which this resolution was considered was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. A Special Election shall be held on the 4th day of November, 2025 for the purpose of submitting to the voters the question of whether the Fire and Police Employee Relations Act should be adopted for the Big Spring Fire Department in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas and the manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State regulating general elections, the City Charter, and this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Only qualified electors under the general laws of the state who reside in the City of Big Spring city limits shall be qualified to vote at said election.

SECTION 3. Voting by personal appearance during early voting and on election day shall be by a ballot scanning system, DRE (Direct Recording Electronic) System for curbside voting and by official paper ballot for early voting by mail and for provisional ballots. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the Election Center for Howard County located at 2006 FM 700. Early voting will be held on weekdays beginning October 20, 2025 and ending on October 31, 2025. The early voting polling place shall be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day and two late hour days on October 30th and 31st from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 4. The polling places on election day will be at the following vote center locations:

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
1001 Birdwell Lane

Ryan Hall
605 North Main

Sand Springs Baptist Church
201 East 24th Street

Coahoma Community Center
306 North Ave.
Coahoma, TX

The polling places shall be open to the public from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 5. The official ballots for said election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid proposition with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such proposition to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

FOR)

AGAINST)

ADOPTION OF THE STATE LAW APPLICABLE TO FIRE FIGHTERS THAT ESTABLISHES COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IF A MAJORITY OF THE AFFECTED EMPLOYEES FAVOR REPRESENTATION BY AN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, PRESERVES THE PROHIBITION AGAINST STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS, AND PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS.

SECTION 6. Mayor Robert H. Moore III is hereby authorized to execute and have posted notice of said election in accordance with the law.

SECTION 7. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Resolution are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, said unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Resolution.

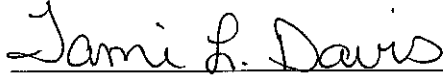
PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council on the **22nd** day of **July, 2025**, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" for passage of same.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second and final reading at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 12th day of August, 2025, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" for passage of same.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary