

**ORDER CALLING AN ELECTION IN THE
PORT OF BEAUMONT NAVIGATION DISTRICT
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
FOR THE ELECTION OF A PORT COMMISSIONER FROM
WARD 2 AND AT LARGE**

WHEREAS, H.B. 248, Acts 1957, 55th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 20, Page 30, amending S.B. 335, Acts 1949, 51st Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 147, Page 270, makes provision for the election of Port Commissioners for the Port of Beaumont Navigation District (the "Port") and under the terms of said legislature two (2) members, of the Port Commission shall be elected in each odd-numbered year to serve for a term of six (6) years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and it is now necessary to elect a Port Commissioner from Ward 2 and At Large on the first Saturday in May, 2019, in accordance with Article 2.01b of the Texas Election Code, now therefore:

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF
BEAUMONT NAVIGATION DISTRICT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That an election shall be held in the Port on the 4th day of May, 2019, in the several election precincts of the Port herein established, at the polling places for each such precinct herein designated, and with the election officials for each such precinct as herein appointed. That said election of Port Commissioners shall be held jointly with the City of Beaumont General Election for the City of Beaumont, Texas to be held on the same day, in accordance with the terms set forth in this Election Order and Notice, and in accordance with the terms set forth in the Ordinance and Election Order and Notice of the City of Beaumont, Texas.

2. That the election precincts are shown on the attached **Exhibit "A"** are hereby established as Port election precincts for said election.

3. That the polling places set forth on the attached **Exhibit "A"** are designated for said election and said election shall be held at said places. Amendments to the polling places may occur from and after the date of this Order, and if such changes become necessary, such changes shall be noted in an amendment to this Order.

The polls at said designated polling places shall be open on election day from 7 o'clock a.m. to 7 o'clock p.m.

4. The direct recording electronic voting system (“DRE”) in English and Spanish or paper ballots which shall be printed in both English and Spanish and pursuant to the electronic voting system adopted by the Commissioners Court of Jefferson County, Texas, for use in Jefferson County, Texas shall be used for voting in all of the election precincts on the day of this election and for early voting by personal appearance at this election.

5. Jefferson County Clerk is hereby appointed clerk for early voting and early voting by personal appearance and the Port election shall be at the places and hours and with the officials and conducted in the manner as set forth for early voting by personal appearance in the Jefferson County Court House, 1001 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701 (the “City Ordinance”). Theresa Goodness is appointed as Deputy Early Voting Clerk as provided for in the City Ordinance, said appointment being without additional compensation. The City Clerk may authorize as many clerks as are deemed necessary for the proper conduct of the election.

6. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the main early voting location at the BISD Administration Building, 3395 Harrison, Beaumont, TX 77706, Rogers Park Recreation Center, 6540 Gladys, Beaumont, TX 77706, Theodore Johns Library, 4255 Fannett Rd., Beaumont, TX 77701 and John Paul Davis Community Center, 3580 E. Lucas, Beaumont, TX, 77706. The County Clerk shall keep the said office open for at least eight (8) hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on each day for early voting or an official State Holiday beginning on the twelfth (12th) day through the fourth (4th) days preceding the date of such election; provided, however, except as authorized by Sections 85.005 (a) and (d), Texas Election Code, said City Clerk shall not permit anyone to vote early by personal appearance on any day or time not designated herein for early voting and under no circumstances shall she permit anyone to vote early by personal appearance at any time when her office is not open to the public for early voting purposes.

Early Voting Dates and Times

Monday	April 22, 2017 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 23, 2017 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	April 24, 2017 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	April 25, 2017 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday	April 26, 2017 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 27, 2017 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	April 28, 2017 Polls will be closed
Monday	April 29, 2017 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 30, 2017 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

7. That early votes by personal appearance and by mail shall be counted by an early voting ballot board consisting of a presiding judge and one clerk, and the County Clerk may authorize as many additional clerks as are deemed necessary. Early votes shall be canvassed and returned by the Early Voting Ballot Board to the Central Counting Station by 7:00 p.m. on Election day.

8. The Manager of said Central Counting Station and Tabulation Supervisor shall be the individuals as identified in the Ordinance and Election Order of the City as the entity conducting the said election.

9. That at such election, in accordance with said Act, there shall be elected two (2) Port Commissioners by the qualified voters - one who resides in Port Ward 2 and one who At Large, and the candidates for such positions shall have their names printed on the ballots accordingly. Those qualified voters in the Port who reside in the Port boundaries and who own real property in the Port which has been duly rendered for taxation and who desire to have their names printed on the ballot for the office of Port Ward 2 and At Large shall make application in writing for the respective offices with the Secretary of the Port Commission, Georgine Guillory, Port Building, 1225 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, on or before the 19th day of February, 2019, using their legal and proper names which shall appear on the ballot; or upon petition signed by ten (10) or more qualified voters of the Port, any qualified candidate's name shall be placed on said ballot.

All candidates are hereby notified that on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 9 a.m., Central Standard Time, an impartial drawing for ballot positions for each of the two places will be conducted by the Chief Executive Officer of the Port Commission, Chris Fisher, at the Port Building, 1225 Main

Street, Beaumont, Texas and all qualified candidates or their designated representatives may be present at such drawing.

10. All those qualified to vote for the Governor of the State of Texas, residing within said Port, shall be qualified to vote for said Commissioners. The candidate for the respective office receiving a plurality of votes shall be declared elected.

11. This election shall be held jointly with the City of Beaumont General Election in the above set forth election precincts in accordance with the following terms of agreement between the Port and the City.

(a) The expense of the election within the joint election precincts shall be apportioned with the Port and the City, each paying that part of the expenses represented by the percentage that the number of voters voting in the respective political subdivision's election bears to the total number of voters voting in the Port and City election.

(b) A single ballot card form shall be used in each joint election one ballot page will include the Port Commissioner offices and one ballot page shall contain the offices and propositions of the City, and no voter shall be given a ballot page containing any office or proposition on which the voter is ineligible to vote.

(c) The City Clerk shall conduct the joint election of the Port and the City.

(d) Records for the joint election of the Port and the City shall be combined.

(e) One set of ballot boxes and stub boxes shall be used for the joint elections.

(f) Election returns shall be made on joint forms but the Board of Port Commissioners of the Port of Beaumont Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas, shall canvass the returns for the election of Port Commissioners.

(g) The City Clerk of the Jefferson County, Texas is designated custodian of all records and of the voted ballots.

12. That notice of said election shall be given by publication and/or posting as required by law.