**ORDINANCE 2016–01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF QUINTANA, TEXAS, CALLING THE ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR SAID TOWN IN CONJUNCTION WITH A JOINT ELECTION WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS; ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATIONS AND LOYALTY OATHS FOR CANDIDATES AND FIXING A FILING DEADLINE TO ACCOMPANY SUCH APPLICATION; PROVIDING FOR RATIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION BY THE MAYOR OF SAID TOWN OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF QUINTANA, TEXAS;

***SECTION ONE – ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTION CALLED***

Pursuant to provisions of Section 22.03, et seq., Texas Local Government Code, as amended, and provisions of the Texas Election Code, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Quintana (the "Town"), hereby order and ordain, respectively, that an annual election shall be held on the first Saturday in May, 2016 being the 7th day of May, 2016 A.D., between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing the following named officers of the Town to-wit:

Alderman Position 3 - currently held by, Mike Fletcher

Alderman Position 4 - currently held by Macedonio Salinas

Alderman Position 5 - currently held by Debbie Alongis

***SECTION TWO – MUNICIPAL ELECTION PRECINT AND POLLING PLACE***

For the purpose of the Annual General Election called and ordained by this ordinance, the election shall be held in accordance with the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Brazoria County (the "County"). The Mayor shall be authorized by this Council to enter this Joint Election Agreement by execution of same.

The Town shall be deemed one (1) election precinct and the County shall appoint qualified persons to serve as the Election Day Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge for the Election Day polling place.

The Election Day polling places are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

The early voting clerk shall be appointed by the County. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the following locations from April 25-Apr 29 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; on April 30 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.; and May 2-3 from 7 a.m. -7 p.m.

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| East Annex (Old Walmart)  524 E Mulberry #144, Angleton | Alvin Library  105 S Gordon, Alvin |
| Brazoria Library  620 S Brooks, Brazoria | Freeport Library  410 Brazosport Blvd, Freeport |
| Lake Jackson Library  250 Circle Way, Lake Jackson | Courthouse North Annex  7313 Corporate Dr, Manvel |
| Tom Reid (Pearland) Library  3522 Liberty Dr, Pearland | Westside Event Center  2150 Countryplace Pkwy, Pearland |
| Pearland Westside Library  2803 Business Center Dr #101, Pearland | Sweeny Community Center  205 W Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny |
| Precinct 4 Government Offices  121 N 10th St, West Columbia |  |

Applications for voting by mail must be received no later than the close of business (5 PM) on April 29, 2016. Applications should be mailed to Joyce Hudman, County Clerk, 111 E Locust, Suite 200, Angleton, Texas 77515-4654.

***SECTION THREE – CANDIDATES AND APPLICATIONS***

***Alderman****:* Everyone who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years, and who has resided within the incorporated limits of the Town of Quintana, Texas for a period of six (6) months preceding the last day on which a candidate’s application for a place on the ballot could be delivered to the City Secretary, as hereinafter provided, shall be eligible to become a candidate for the office of Alderman Positions 3, 4 and 5 of the Town by filing a sworn application in writing containing the matters set out in Section 141.031, Texas Election Code, with the City Secretary of the Town, no earlier than 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2016 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2016.

***Mayor:*** Everyone who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years, and who has resided within the incorporated limits of the Town, for a period of twelve (12) months preceding the last day in which a candidate's application for a place on the ballot could be delivered to the City Secretary, as hereinafter provided, shall be eligible to become a candidate for the office of Mayor of the Town, by filing a sworn application in writing containing the matters set out in Section 141.031, Texas Election Code, with the City Secretary of the Town, no earlier than 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2016 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2016.

***SECTION FOUR – QUALIFIED ELECTORS***

All qualified electors of the Town shall be permitted to vote at said election. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in this ordinance, the election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and, as may be required by law. All election materials and proceedings shall be printed in English and Spanish. In addition, standard voting information booklets shall be provided in English and Spanish, and the County shall make arrangements with the election officials for the use of Spanish interpreters, if necessary. It is found and determined that these measures will adequately serve any Spanish-only speakers eligible to vote in the election.

***SECTION FIVE – NOTICE OF ELECTION***

The Mayor of the Town, is hereby authorized and directed to issue a notice of said election. The form of the notice prescribed by the Texas Secretary of State’s Office shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice, including Spanish translations therein, shall be given by publishing or posting in accordance with Section 4.003, of the Texas Election Code.

***SECTION SIX – RATIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION BY MAYOR***

By signing this ordinance, the undersigned Mayor of the Town hereby ratifies and confirms as his action all matters hereinabove recited which by law comes within his jurisdiction.

***SECTION SEVEN – EFFECTIVE DATE***

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

**READ, PASSED, AND APPROVED ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016 A.D.**

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**Harold Doty**

**Mayor, Town of Quintana**

**ATTEST:**

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**Tammi Cimiotta**

**City Secretary/Administrator**

**Town of Quintana**

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