

**Sales and Use Tax
for Streets**

ORDINANCE NO. 20-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DANBURY, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION OF THAT CITY **FOR NOVEMBER 2020**, TO CONSIDER REAUTHORIZING A ONE-HALF PERCENT **SALES AND USE TAX FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS**; PROVIDING FOR THE POLLING PLACES THEREOF, 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 DANBURY, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE – Call of Special Election on Sales Tax for Streets and Sidewalks.

a. The City Council of the City of Danbury, Texas, hereby ordains that a certain special election shall be held in and throughout the City of Danbury, 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., pursuant to Chapter 327 of the Texas Tax Code and all applicable law, for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

“The reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Danbury at the rate of one-half percent to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. The tax expires on the fourth anniversary of the date of this election unless the imposition of the tax is reauthorized”

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 sales tax so approved shall remain in effect as therein provided.

d. Although state law requires the ballot proposition to state that the purpose of the sales tax is “to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets,” other provisions of state law allow the tax also to be used for maintenance and revenue of sidewalks. In addition, state law currently provides that the revenue from this tax may be used only for maintenance and repair of municipal streets or sidewalks that exist on the date of the election to adopt the tax. The intent of this ordinance and the election hereby called is to consider authorizing the tax to be used for all purposes allowed by law for a tax under Chapter 327 of the Texas Tax Code, entitled “Municipal Sales and Use Tax for Street Maintenance.”

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 Danbury, 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 Danbury, 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 13-17, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

October 18, 2020..... 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

October 19-24, 2020..... 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 25, 202012:00 p.m. - 5:00 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
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Alvin Branch Location:	Alvin Library 105 S. Gordon, Alvin
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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 th 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.**

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.

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 on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the City Council, and the Mayor shall cause notice of said election to be published in the Facts, a newspaper published in the City of Clute, in Brazoria County, Texas, having a general circulation within the corporate limits of the City of Danbury, 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 Danbury 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 11th day of August, 2020.



MELINDA C. STRONG, MAYOR
CITY OF DANBURY, TEXAS

ATTEST:



CYNTHIA SHARP, DEPUTY CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DANBURY, TEXAS