

**ORDINANCE NO. 1145**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM, YOUNG COUNTY, TEXAS CANCELLING PART OF ORDINANCE NO. 1141 ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER FOR PLACE TWO TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM; DECLARING EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE ELECTED TO OFFICE; ORDERING THE POSTING OF THIS ORDINANCE AT CITY HALL AND POLLING PLACE(S) ON ELECTION DAY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the election is for officers of the City in which each candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot is unopposed, and

**WHEREAS**, the filing deadline for name placement on the ballot and declaration of write-in candidacy have passed, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has received the City Secretary's written certification that each candidate is unopposed for the election, and

**WHEREAS**, in this circumstance, Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code authorizes the governing body to declare each unopposed candidate elected to office and to cancel the special election thereby avoiding the expenses related to holding a special election and saving public funds.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The special election for the purpose of electing one (1) Mayor and one (1) Council Member (Place 2) to fill the unexpired term previously called for Saturday, May 6, 2023, is hereby canceled.

**SECTION 2.** The following candidates, who are unopposed for the May 6, 2023 special election is hereby declared to office and shall be issued a certificate-of-election at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting following the date on which the special municipal election for one (1) Mayor and one (1) Council Member (Place 2) to fill the unexpired term was to have been held:

Mayor  
Council Member Place 2

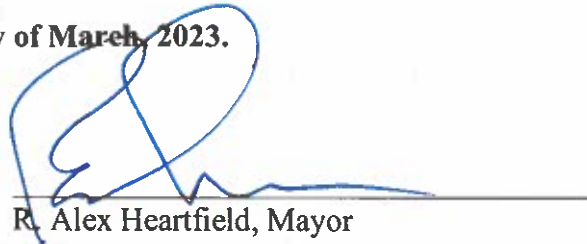
Robert Alex Heartfield  
Jeff Dickinson

**SECTION 3.** The City Secretary shall post a copy of this ordinance at City Hall and on Election Day, the Young County Elections Administrator shall post a copy of this ordinance at the polling place(s).

**SECTION 4.** Should any word, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this ordinance or of the Code of Ordinances, as amended hereby, be adjudged, or held to be void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of that remaining portions of said ordinance of the Code of Ordinances, as amended hereby, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately in accordance with the provision of the Charter of the City of Graham, and it is so ordained.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of March, 2023.**



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R. Alex Heartfield, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Marci Bueno, City Secretary