ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. A special election shall be held in the city of Austin on November 6, 2012. The election shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The precincts and locations of the election day polling places; the dates, hours, and locations of the early voting places; and the names of the officers appointed to conduct the elections are provided in Exhibits A–E attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance.

PART 2. A direct electronic recording voting system, as the term is defined in Title 8 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for early voting and for voting conducted on election day. The central counting station is established at the Travis County Elections Division, 5501 Airport Boulevard, Austin, Texas.

PART 3. Notice of this election shall be given by posting and publishing a copy of this ordinance in both Spanish and English. The posted notice shall be posted in three public places and at the City Hall notice kiosk not later than the 21st day before election day. The copy of this ordinance posted at City Hall shall be accompanied by a cover page, at the top of which shall appear the words “A MUNICIPAL SPECIAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 6, 2012.” Notice of this election shall be published, not earlier than the 30th day before the date of the election, in a newspaper of general circulation on the same day in each of two successive weeks, with the first publication occurring before the 14th day before the date of the election.

PART 4. In accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, the November 6, 2012, municipal election may be held jointly with the various political subdivisions that share territory with the City of Austin and that are holding elections on that day. The City Clerk may enter and sign joint election agreements with other political subdivisions for this purpose.

PART 5. Ordinances Nos. 20120412-020, 20120426-068, 20120426-069, 20120628-016, 20120628-084, 20120628-089, 20120628-090, and 20120628-091 are incorporated by reference into this ordinance as if set out in full.

PART 6. The Council finds that the need to immediately begin required preparations for this election constitutes an emergency. Because of this emergency, this ordinance
takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

______________________________, 2012

Lee Leffingwell
Mayor

APPROVED: __________________________
              Karen M. Kennard
              City Attorney

ATTEST: _______________________________
          Shirley A. Gentry
          City Clerk