

**ORDINANCE NO. 20120814-B001**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDER OF THE 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.** Ordinance No. 20120802-013, as amended, calling the November 6, 2012 special election is amended as to provide that the order and wording of the propositions on the ballot shall be as follows:

The ballot shall be prepared to permit voting “yes” or “no” on the following propositions:

Proposition 1

Shall the city charter be amended to move the City’s general election date from May to November?

Proposition 2

Shall the city charter be amended to move the City’s general election date from May to November, to provide that council members serve four-year staggered terms, to provide that council elections occur in even-numbered years, and to limit the mayor and council members to two terms?

Proposition 3

Shall the city charter be amended to provide for the election of council members from 10 geographical single-member districts, with the mayor to be elected from the city at large, and to provide for an independent citizens redistricting commission?

Proposition 4

Shall the city charter be amended to provide for the election of council members from eight geographical single-member districts, with the mayor and two additional council members to be elected from the city at large?

Proposition 5

Shall the city charter be amended to permit the members of the city council and the city council's appointees to hire and manage their own staffs?

Proposition 6

Shall the city charter be amended to provide that the city council appoint the city attorney?

Proposition 7

Shall the city charter be amended to reduce the number of signatures needed for a citizen initiated ordinance or referendum?

Proposition 8

Shall the city charter be amended to allow council members to raise political funds for 30 days after an election in which the council member was elected?

Proposition 9

Shall the city charter be amended to permit the city council to lease parkland to an independent school district for a purpose that the council has found, by a two-thirds majority, is a park purpose?

Proposition 10

Shall the city charter be amended to provide a civil service system for most city employees who are not already covered by a state civil service statute?

The ballot shall be prepared to permit voting "for" or "against" on the following propositions:

Proposition 11

Adoption of the emergency medical services personnel civil service law.

**PART 2.** Ordinances Nos. 20120426-068 (Proposition 1), 20120807-B005 (Proposition 2), 20120802-015 (Proposition 3), 20120807-B003 (Proposition 4), 20120412-020 (Proposition 5), 20120426-069 (Proposition 6), 20120628-089 (Proposition 7), 20120628-090 (Proposition 8), 20120802-030 (Proposition 9), 20120802-073 (Proposition 10), and 20120628-016 (Proposition 11) are incorporated by reference into this ordinance as if set out in full. The ordinances listed in this part are amended by having the proposition number inserted into the blank left for that purpose in the original

ordinance. This ordinance amends and supersedes the ordinances listed in this part to the extent of any conflict or inconsistency. The passage or defeat of each proposition shall be determined by the votes cast on that proposition.

**PART 3.** 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**

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August 14, 2012

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Lee Leffingwell  
Mayor

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Karen M. Kennard  
City Attorney

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Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk