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AN ORDINANCE CALLING SPECIAL ELECTION FOR ADOPTION OF LOCAL SALES TAX WHERE PAPER BALLOTS ARE USED

NO. 6

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF SOMERSET, TEXAS, ON THE QUESTION OF THE ADOPTION OF A ONE PERCENT (1%) LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY; DESIGNATING THE DAY OF THE ELECTION AND THE POLLING PLACE; APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICIALS THEREFOR; PROVIDING THAT ALL DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT ELECTORS SHALL BE QUALIFIED TO VOTE; PRESCRIBING FORM OF BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ELECTION; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Article 1066c, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes (Acts 1967, 60th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 36, Page 62) authorizes the governing body of any city, town or village in Texas to call an election for the purpose of adopting a local sales and use tax within such city, town or village;
NOW THEREFORE:

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

SECTION 1. That a special election shall be held in and throughout the city of Somerset, Texas, on the 31st day of July, 1971, at which election there shall be submitted to the resident qualified voters of said city, for their action thereupon, the following propositions:

"FOR adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city."

"AGAINST adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city."

SECTION 2. That said election shall be held at one polling place for all qualified voters of said city, and the polling place and presiding officers for said election shall be, to-wit:

Polling Place	Presiding Officers
City Water Board Office	Mrs. J. Villareal Presiding Judge
	Mrs. C. Richardson Alternate Presiding Judge

The Presiding Judge at such election shall appoint 2 clerks.
(Not less than 2 clerks)

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SECTION 3. That said election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and all duly qualified resident electors of the city of Somerset, Texas shall be qualified to vote.

SECTION 4. That the ballots of said election shall conform to the requirements of Section 2, Subsection G, of Article 1066c, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes (Acts 1967, 60th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 36, Page 62), and to the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Election Code of the State of Texas, as amended, and the language to be printed thereon shall include the following:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS: Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.

FOR adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city.

AGAINST adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city.

SECTION 5. That election judges and clerks are directed to comply with Article 6.06, Election Code of the State of Texas, as amended (Section 2 of House Bill 181, Acts 1967, 60th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 452, Pages 1026, 1028), which provides that a square shall be placed beside each proposition in which the voter is instructed to place an "X" or other clear mark to indicate the way he wishes to vote; but which also provides that failure of a voter to mark his ballot in strict conformity with the directions on the ballot shall not invalidate the ballot, and the ballot shall be counted if the intention of the voter is clearly ascertainable, except where the law expressly prohibits the counting of the ballot. It is specifically provided that the election officers shall not refuse to count a ballot because of the voter's having marked his ballot by scratching out the statement of proposition for which he does not wish to vote.

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SECTION 6. That notice of the election hereby ordered and called shall be given: (a) by publication on the same day of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published within said city, the date of the first publication to be at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date set herein for such election; and (b) by posting of such notice at the polling place in each of the election locations of the city not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date set herein for such election. It is hereby found and determined that the Somerset Herald is a newspaper published within the city of Somerset, Texas, and is a newspaper of general circulation within said city.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 10th day of June, 1971.

C. J. Kuenstler
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Ernest R. Lopez