

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03-14A**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, CANCELLING THE GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6, 2023, DUE TO EACH CANDIDATE BEING UNOPPOSED; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Arcola, Texas, (“City”) previously called a general election for May 6, 2023, to elect three city council members; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has received and reviewed a Certification of Unopposed Status, certifying that each of the three candidates for the city council positions is unopposed; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code, the City is now authorized to cancel the general election due to the unopposed candidates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1:** That the matters and facts recited in the preamble hereof are hereby found and determined to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated into the body of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2:** The City hereby cancels the general election scheduled to be held on May 6, 2023, in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

<b><u>Candidate</u></b>	<b><u>Office Sought</u></b>
Greg Abarr	Council Member, At Large Position One
Evelyn Jones	Council Member, At Large Position Three
Ebony Sanco	Council Member, At Large Position Five

The County Clerk shall list these declared elected candidates as “Unopposed Candidates Declared Elected” on the official ballot for the general election to be held on May 6, 2023. Certificates of Election shall be issued after Election Day.

**SECTION 3:** The City Secretary is ordered to issue Certificates of Election to the unopposed candidates immediately after the date the canvass of the canceled election would have taken place.

**SECTION 4:** The City Secretary is hereby directed to cause a copy of this Ordinance to be posted on Election Day at the polling place that would have been used for the election.

**SECTION 5: PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY:**

If any provision, section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application

to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Arcola in adopting, and of the Mayor in approving this Ordinance that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any portion, provision or regulation.

**SECTION 6: OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE:**

It is hereby found and determined that the meetings at which this Ordinance is considered are open to the public and that notice of the time, place and purpose thereof was given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, as amended, and that a quorum of the City Council was present.

**SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND SIGNED THE 14th DAY OF MARCH 2023.**



**FRED A. BURTON, MAYOR  
CITY OF ARCOLA**

**ATTEST:**

  
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CITY SECRETARY**