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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the current terms of the Councilmembers from Wards One (1), Three (3), Four (4), and Seven (7) will end in April of 2025 and the year 2025 is the designated year for the purpose of the election of said officers; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 1, Article X of the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, as amended, a General Election shall be held in The City of Oklahoma City on the second Tuesday of February 2025 for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates for the offices of Councilmembers from said Wards; and

WHEREAS, under and by virtue of Section 6, Article X of the Charter of said City, a Runoff Election shall be held on the first Tuesday in April of 2025 for the purpose of electing Councilmembers from said Wards of The City of Oklahoma City if no candidate in a particular ward receives a majority of all the votes cast in the General Election for such office; and

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article X of the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, as amended ("Charter"), provides that: (1) the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City shall call the General and Runoff Elections for the offices of Mayor and Councilors of said City; and (2) the City Clerk shall give notices of such elections as provided by State law; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2024, the Council of The City of Oklahoma City passed a Resolution further authorizing Mayor David Holt to call the 2025 elections for the offices of Councilmembers from Wards 1, 3, 4, and 7; and

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article X of the Charter City and 11 O.S. § 16-102 require notice to the Oklahoma County Election Board of no less than sixty (60) days preceding a municipal election date; and

WHEREAS, 11 O.S. § 16-101 and Charter Art. X, § 3(a) further require that the call for a general or special municipal election be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least ten (10) days before the beginning of the filing period for such election; and

WHEREAS, appropriate dates to satisfy the ten (10) days' publication requirement for the Oklahoma City General Election and Runoff Election being called by this Proclamation are November 20 and 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, based on the Charter and controlling State laws, plus the authority vested in me as Mayor by virtue of the Charter, the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and the October 22, 2024 Resolution of the Council, I am hereby setting a General Election for the offices of Councilmembers from Wards 1, 3, 4, and 7 in The City of Oklahoma City for Tuesday, February 11, 2025, and a Runoff Election for such offices, if necessary, for Tuesday, April 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, based on the Charter and controlling State laws, plus the authority vested in me as Mayor by virtue of the Charter, the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and the October 22, 2024 Resolution of the Council, I am setting the filing period for such elections as Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 2, 3, and 4, 2024, respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Holt, Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor by virtue of the Charter of said City, by the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and by the October 22, 2024 Resolution of the Council, do hereby proclaim and decree that a General Election shall be had and held within the limits of The City of Oklahoma City on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, and a Runoff Election on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, if necessary, for the purpose of electing Councilmembers from Wards 1, 3, 4, and 7 of The City of Oklahoma City for full terms of four (4) years each.

AND I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM as follows:

1. The General Election for the purpose of electing Councilmembers from Wards 1, 3, 4, and 7 of The City of Oklahoma City shall be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. If no candidate running for election in a particular ward receives a majority of all the votes cast at the General Election for such office, then a Runoff Election shall be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, in that ward between the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes at said General Election for said office of Councilmember.
2. The offices to be filled at said election(s) are the offices of Councilmembers from Wards 1, 3, 4, and 7 of The City of Oklahoma City.
3. The qualifications for the office of Councilmember of The City of Oklahoma City are set forth in Article II, Section 6 of the Oklahoma City Charter, as amended, as follows:
 - A. The person must be a citizen of the United States and of the State of Oklahoma; and
 - B. The person must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and
 - C. The person must have been a resident of The City of Oklahoma City, or an area which has been annexed to and has become a part of the City for one (1) year immediately preceding his or her election; and
 - D. The person must have been a registered voter at an address within the ward for which the person wishes to become a candidate for at least one year immediately preceding the filing of a declaration of candidacy.
4. The offices of Councilmembers from Wards 1, 3, 4, and 7 of The City of Oklahoma City shall be filled by voting by the qualified, registered voters who reside within the limits and boundaries of the respective wards within The City of Oklahoma City.
5. The elections shall be nonpartisan in nature.
6. The election laws of the State of Oklahoma shall apply to the said elections; provided however, that if said election laws are in conflict with any of the provisions of Article II or Article X of the Oklahoma City Charter, as amended, the conflicting Charter provisions shall control as to matters of purely local concern, but the State election laws shall control as to matters of general Statewide concern.
7. And, furthermore, in compliance with Article X, Section 2 of the Oklahoma City Charter, as amended, and 11 O.S. § 16-102(D), the filing period for Councilmember candidates for said elections shall be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 2, 3, and 4, 2024, respectively; and the procedure for the filing of a declaration of

candidacy and other necessary documents is set forth in the City Charter, Article X, Section 2.

AND, I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM that the filing period for candidates for the offices of Councilmembers from Wards 1, 3, 4, and 7 shall be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 2, 3 and 4, 2024, respectively.

AND, I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM and direct the City Clerk to forthwith submit a current certified copy of the Oklahoma City Charter to the Oklahoma County Election Board as required by Section 13-109 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

AND, I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM and direct the City Manager to forthwith order the appropriate City officer or employee to provide the Oklahoma County Election Board with a current map defining the municipal limits and ward boundaries of The City of Oklahoma City as required by Section 13-107 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and further, to provide any other documents or information requested by the Oklahoma County Election Board.

AND, I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM that said elections shall be held by the County Election Board of Oklahoma County and assisted by the election boards of affected counties in the portions of said City situated within each of the precincts in each of said wards, pursuant to the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

AND, I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM that said elections shall be held in the manner and form provided by law, pursuant to the Charter of said City, as amended, and the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and that the results of said elections herein provided for shall be by the said county election boards certified to the Mayor and Council through the City Clerk in the manner and form provided by law.

AND, I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM and direct the City Clerk to submit this Proclamation to the Secretary of the Oklahoma County Election Board on or before November 15, 2024, which date complies with 11 O.S. § 16-102(D).

AND, I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM and direct the City Clerk to publish this Proclamation in The Journal Record on November 20 and 27, 2024, for the purpose of providing public notice of the Councilor elections as required by Oklahoma City Charter, Art. X, § 3(a) and 11 O.S. § 16-101.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, David Holt, Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, have hereunto affixed my signature as such Mayor this 22nd day of October, 2024.

s/b David Holt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy K. Simpson, City Clerk