

**ORDINANCE O-2024-1**  
*(Order of May 4, 2024 Election)*

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANKIN, TEXAS, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024 TO ELECT A MAYOR AND TWO CITY ALDERMEN-ATLARGE; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR ORDER AND NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ELECTION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANKIN, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Mayor of the City of Rankin, Texas, with the concurrence of the City Council, orders an election to be held on May 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Aldermen-at-Large.

**SECTION 2.** The polling place in the City of Rankin for this election is as follows:

**Rankin Park Building**  
**310 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.**  
**Rankin, TX 79778**  
**(432) 693-2014**

**SECTION 3.** The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**SECTION 4.** Said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and only resident qualified voters of the City of Rankin will be entitled to vote.

**SECTION 5.** Candidates file at-large and adhere to the filing deadlines accordingly. Candidate Packets are available in the City Administrator's Office. The candidate filing deadlines for the General Election for the three Councilmembers-at-Large; are as follows:  
January 17, 2024 through February 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Candidates must file in the City Administrator's Office located at 908 Main St. Rankin, Texas.

**SECTION 6.** Early voting by personal appearance shall be available at the Upton County Rankin Annex, 1000 Rankin St. Rankin, Texas, April 22, 2024 and ending on April 30, 2024 from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with extended voting hours on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

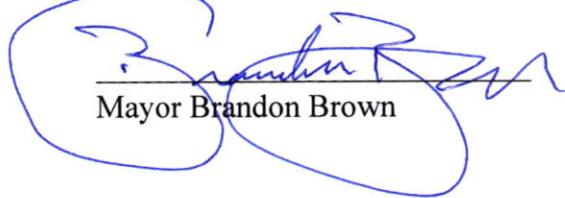
**SECTION 7.** Applications for ballot by mail shall be requested from and mailed to the City of Rankin, P.O. Box 61 Rankin, TX 79778. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2024.

**SECTION 8.** The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to publish and/or post, in the time and manner prescribed by law, all notices required to be so published and/or posted in connection with the conduct of this election. The Upton County Elections contract shall designate the election judges for the election.

**SECTION 9.** All Ordinances and parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

**ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, by the City Council of the City of Rankin, Upton County, Texas.

APPROVED



Mayor Brandon Brown

ATTEST:



City Administrator

**ORDINANCE**  
**O-2024- 2**

**TYPE A AND TYPE B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES TAX**

AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024, TO ADOPT A TYPE A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES TAX; AND TO EXPAND THE TYPE B SALES TAX TO INCLUDE ALL PURPOSES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE LAW.

WHEREAS The economy of the City of Rankin, Texas is primarily tethered to the sinusoidal boom and bust cycles of the petroleum industry. As a result, the economic status of aid city is classified as a Single Sector Economy.

WHEREAS The City of Rankin desires to take action designed to diversify its economy, thereby ameliorating the negative affects resulting from downturns in certain sectors of the economy; in this instance the oil industry.

WHEREAS The City currently collects a Type B sales tax of one-half of one percent for economic development under Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code.

WHEREAS With voter approval the City can also collect another sales tax of one-half of one percent for Type A economic development purposes under Chapter 504 of the Texas Local Government Code.

WHEREAS The voters can also approve expanding the list of potential projects under the current Type B sales tax to include projects such as professional and amateur sports and athletic facilities; entertainment, tourist and convention facilities; public parks and open space; infrastructure such as roads; and other projects intended to improve the community.

WHEREAS In an effort to confront the debilitating socio-economic effects these periodic downturns have on our economy, and to provide additional opportunity for employment and future growth, the City Council of the City of Rankin hereby desires to offer to the people of Rankin an opportunity to vote on whether to adopt the Type A Economic Development Sales Tax of one-half of one percent to undertake the costs of supporting the above mentioned economic development projects, and to expand the existing Type B Sales Tax to allow both economic development projects and other allowable projects other than economic development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANKIN, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this ordinance by reference as findings of fact.

Section 2. THERE SHALL BE CALLED AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024 FOR THE ADOPTION OF A SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AND EXPANDED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT; AND TO EXPAND THE POTENTIAL PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CURRENT TYPE B SALES TAX TO INCLUDE ALL PURPOSES AUTHORIZED UNDER CHAPTER 505 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted April 22, 2024 through April 30, 2024 at:

The Main Early Voting Location

Location Hours

Branch Early Voting Locations:

Location Hours

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

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Telephone:  
Email address:  
Early Voting Clerk's Website:

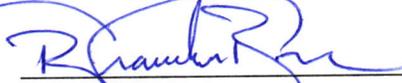
Applications for ballot by mail (ABBMs) must be received no later than the close of business on: April 23, 2024.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication as provided for by law.

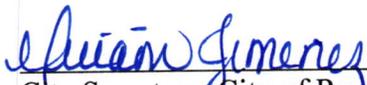
Section 4. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, and Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024

APPROVED

  
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Mayor, City of Rankin

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary, City of Rankin