

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-24-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE AMARILLO CITY COUNCIL:
AMENDING THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THE SPECIAL
MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO,
TEXAS ORDERED ON AUGUST 13, 2024, PURSUANT TO
RESOLUTION 08-13-24-2 TO BE CONDUCTED ON THE 5TH
DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024 IN THE CITY OF AMARILLO,
TEXAS; AFFIRMING ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF
RESOLUTION 08-13-24-2; PROVIDING FOR OTHER
ADMINISTRATIVE CLAUSES.

WHEREAS, an initiating committee registered with the City Secretary on December 29, 2023, for the purpose of proposing passage of an ordinance to outlaw abortion and to declare Amarillo a sanctuary city for the unborn (the "Proposed Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, said initiating committee did thereafter within the time limit prescribed by the Amarillo City Charter file with the City Secretary a petition supporting the Proposed Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, sufficient signatures upon said petition were validated by the City Secretary to bring the Proposed Ordinance before the City Council on May 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Amarillo heretofore on June 11, 2024, failed to enact the Proposed Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the initiating committee requested that the City Council order an election at which a proposition to adopt or reject the Proposed Ordinance to outlaw abortion and to declare Amarillo a sanctuary city for the unborn, shall be placed before the voters of the City of Amarillo in a special election at the next available uniform election date, which is November 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution 08-13-24-2 the City Council ordered a special election on August 13, 2024, in accordance with the Amarillo City Charter and state law; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution 08-13-24-2 the City Council described and adopted the measure and corresponding ballot language for Proposition A; and

WHEREAS, County Election Administrators have requested that because of operational constraints of the voting machines to be utilized in the election that the previously authorized ballot language identifying the measure be condensed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
AMARILLO:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The recitals and findings set forth hereof are incorporated herein and shall have the same force and effect as if set forth in this Section. Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning assigned in the preamble hereof, unless otherwise defined.

SECTION 2. Ballot Language. That the ballot language identifying the measure is hereby amended to read as stated herein for the purpose of voting FOR or AGAINST the following proposition:

PROPOSITION A

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Amarillo, Texas shall be amended to adopt an initiated ordinance, submitted by the Amarillo Sanctuary City for the Unborn Citizen Initiative Petition Initiating Committee, declaring the City of Amarillo a sanctuary city for the unborn; declaring that abortion at all times and at all stages of pregnancy is unlawful unless an abortion is performed to save the life of a pregnant woman in a medical emergency; finding that abortion-inducing drugs are declared contraband and it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, possess, or distribute abortion-inducing drugs in the City of Amarillo; prohibiting abortions within the City of Amarillo; prohibiting abortions on City of Amarillo residents; prohibiting abortion trafficking of an unborn child; prohibiting abortion-inducing drugs in the City of Amarillo; prohibiting any organization that violates 18 U.S.C. Sections 1461 or 1462 by facilitating abortions from operating or doing business in the City of Amarillo; prohibiting the transportation or disposal in the City of Amarillo of the remains of an unborn child killed by an abortion; providing a private right of action; providing for affirmative defenses; providing for severability and providing an effective date.

_____ For

_____ Against

SECTION 3. Continuation. That all other terms and provisions of Resolution 08-13-24-2 are hereby continued and affirmed unless contrary to this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Repealer. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.


SECTION 5. Effective Date and Publishing. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption. The City Secretary shall publish timely notice of this election as provided in Texas Election Code, section 4.003.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Amarillo, Texas, on this 10th day of September 2024.



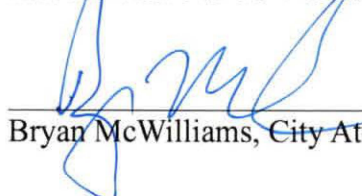
Cole Stanley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Bryan McWilliams, City Attorney