

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded  
by \_\_\_\_\_:

### RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, to vote upon the adoption of amendments to the current City of Hammond Home Rule Charter, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Hammond City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana (the "City"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Sections 5 and 22 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

#### CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 2

Shall the City of Hammond Home Rule Charter be amended to add the following Section 2-18:

The City Council may remove the police chief by the vote of not less than three members at a regular meeting of the Council or at a special meeting of the Council called for that purpose?

#### CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 2

Shall Section 5-08 of the City of Hammond Home Rule Charter be amended to read as follows:

The City is empowered to incur bonded debt in accordance with this charter and the constitution and statutes of the state. When voter approval is required by state law, no resolution shall be passed calling for a referendum to incur a bonded debt until an engineering and economic feasibility report shall have been made to the council and a summary thereof published in the official journal at least sixty (60) days prior to the proposed date of the election, unless the council is required to call such an election pursuant to a petition as provided for under the general laws of this state?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the City once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the Mayor is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the City Council Chambers, 312 E. Charles Street, Hammond, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024**, at **FIVE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (5:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the City will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Clerk of the Council is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Mayor and/or Clerk of the Council are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Tangipahoa Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Tangipahoa Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to amend the City of Hammond Home Rule Charter. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

/s/ Lisa Cockerham  
Clerk

/s/ Pete Panepinto  
Mayor

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Hammond City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana (the "City"), on March 26, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the City on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the City qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

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The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

- PRECINCTS**
- 040A(PART)
- 041
- 042(PART)
- 043(PART)
- 044(PART)
- 045A(PART)
- 045B(PART)
- 046
- 047
- 049
- 072A(PART)
- 129A(PART)
- 139(PART)
- 141(PART)

141A(PART)  
143(PART)  
143A(PART)

The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$3,200.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the City Council Chambers, 312 E. Charles Street, Hammond, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024**, at **FIVE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (5:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the City are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF TANGIPAHOA

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Hammond City Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Hammond City Council on March 26, 2024, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, to vote upon the adoption of amendments to the current City of Hammond Home Rule Charter, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Hammond, Louisiana, on this, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

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Clerk