

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-0711

GENERAL ELECTION ORDINANCE

The City Council of the City of Coolidge hereby ordains that pursuant to the Charter of the City of Coolidge, as amended, and the Georgia Elections Code, as amended through the regular 2023 session of the Georgia General Assembly, the General Election for three at-large positions on the City Council, as provided by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-1, et seq., to fill terms expiring on December 31, 2023, shall be held under the following terms and conditions:

1. Said election shall be held on November 7, 2023.
2. The hours of the election shall be between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
3. The election shall be held pursuant to the provisions of the Laws of the State of Georgia as enacted and amended. Provided further, the Charter of the City of Coolidge and amendments thereto shall be in force and effect where same were not repealed or modified by the Laws of the State of Georgia.
4. For the purposes of this election, the Thomas County Board of Elections and Registration is designated as the Election Superintendent of the municipality. Meritta Patillo is Superintendent of Qualifying. The Thomas County Board of Elections and Registration shall be the absentee ballot clerk. The Thomas County Board of Elections and Registration shall name all poll workers.
5. The Dominion Voting System which includes the BMD machine, printers and scanners shall be used for the conduct of this election.
6. The election shall be held at Coolidge City Hall, located at 3065 S. Pine Street, in Coolidge, Georgia.
7. Each candidate seeking a position on the City Council shall file a notice of candidacy in the office of the City Clerk at Coolidge City Hall, 3065 S. Pine Street, Coolidge, Georgia, on or before August 25, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. but not prior to August 21, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.
8. The qualifying fee for a position on the City Council is \$27.00.
9. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-216, any person who is a resident of the City of Coolidge and a qualified elector of the City of Coolidge shall be eligible to vote in this election. The registrar shall cease taking applications for registration from persons desiring to vote in this election on the close of the registrar's business on October 10, 2023, as provided in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224.

10. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(d)(4), the public notice attached hereto as "Exhibit A" shall be published in the *Times Enterprise* once during the week of August 7, 2023.
11. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-9(b), the public notice attached hereto as "Exhibit B" shall be published in the *Times Enterprise* once during the week of October 2, 2023.

SO ORDAINED, this 11th day of July, 2023.

CITY OF COOLIDGE

By: Diane H. Causey
Mayor, Diane H. Causey

(SEAL)

Attest: Lisa O. Sheffield
Clerk, Lisa O. Sheffield

1st reading: _____

2nd reading: _____



“EXHIBIT A”

CITY OF COOLIDGE

GENERAL ELECTION

THREE AT-LARGE POSITIONS ON THE CITY COUNCIL

November 7, 2023

Qualifying opens at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023, and closes at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023. The qualifying fee for a position on the City Council is \$27.00.

Candidates may qualify at the office of the City Clerk at Coolidge City Hall, 3065 S. Pine Street, Coolidge, Georgia.

All persons desiring to vote in said election must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 10, 2023. Advanced and absentee voting for the election begins on October 16, 2023. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is October 27, 2023. If you have any questions, please call (229) 346-3551.

“EXHIBIT B”

**CITY OF COOLIDGE
NOTICE OF ELECTION**

The General Election for the City of Coolidge shall be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Coolidge City Hall located at 3065 S. Pine Street, Coolidge, Georgia. The election shall be for three at-large positions on the City Council.

All persons desiring to vote in said election must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 10, 2023. Advanced and absentee voting for the election begins on October 16, 2023. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is October 27, 2023. If you have any questions, please call (229) 346-3551.