

ORDINANCE NO. 2023- 0411

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING VACANCIES FOR TWO POSITIONS OF AT-LARGE COUNCIL POSITIONS; CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING SAID VACANCIES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Rickie Mullins was elected to fill an unexpired term on the City Council of the City of Coolidge for a term ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Rickie Mullins has resigned his position as member of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Bailey Barlow Morant was elected to fill a position on the City Council of the City of Coolidge for a term ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Baily Barlow Morant has resigned her position as a member of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the remaining members of the City Council have accepted the resignation of Rickie Mullins and Bailey Barlow Morant and declare their positions on the Coolidge City Council vacant; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty and responsibility of the Mayor and City Council to call a special election to fill vacancies on the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Coolidge, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, as follows:

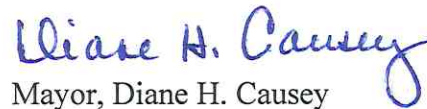
Section 1. Pursuant to the Charter of the City of Coolidge and the Georgia Elections Code, as amended through the regular 2022 session of the Georgia Special Assembly, and as provided by O.C.G.A. ' 21-2-540, a Special Election for the unexpired terms of Rickie Mullins and Bailey Barlow Morant ending on December 31, 2025, shall be held under the following terms and conditions:

1. Said election shall be held on June 20, 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further, the Charter of the City of Coolidge and amendments thereto shall be in force and effect where same were not repealed or modified by the laws of the State of Georgia.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 Marietta Patillo is designated as the Election Superintendent of the municipality. For the purposes of this election, Marillat Patillo is designated to handle the qualification of all candidates. Poll officials shall be named and designated by the Election Superintendent of the City of Coolidge. Stephanie Mock is designated Absentee Ballot Clerk.

5. Paper ballots 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 May 12, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. but not prior to May 8, 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 May 22, 2023, as provided in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224.
10. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(d)(3), the public notice attached hereto as "Exhibit A" shall be published in the *Times Enterprise* once during the week of April 24, 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 May 15, 2023.

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

CITY OF COOLIDGE


Mayor, Diane H. Causey

By: _____

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Attest: _____


Clerk, Lisa O. Sheffield