

**CITY OF DOUBLE HORN, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-ORD042 CANCELING ELECTION**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOUBLE HORN, TEXAS, DECLARING THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF MAYOR AND TWO (2) ALDERMEN IN THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION ELECTED TO OFFICE; PROVIDING THAT SUCH CANDIDATES SHALL BE ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION IN THE SAME MANNER AND AT THE SAME TIME AS A CANDIDATE ELECTED AT THE ELECTION, AND THAT SUCH CANDIDATES MUST QUALIFY FOR OFFICE IN THE SAME MANNER AS A CANDIDATE ELECTED AT THE ELECTION; PROVIDING THAT THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION SHALL NOT BE HELD; FINDING AND DETERMINING THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Double Horn, Texas (the “City”) called a General Election (the “Election”) to be held in the City on November 7, 2023, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) Aldermen At-Large positions; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sections 143.007(c), 146.054(b) and 201.054(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code, the deadlines for filing applications for a place on the ballot and declarations of write-in candidacy for the City’s Election has expired; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 2.052 of the Texas Election Code, the City Secretary (being the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared) has certified in writing to the City Council that the candidates are unopposed for election to the offices of Alderman and Mayor, as applicable; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has received the said certifications from the City Secretary (true and correct copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit “A”) and, pursuant to Section 2.053 of the Texas Election Code, the City Council is authorized to declare, by ordinance, each unopposed candidate elected to the office of Council member or Mayor, as applicable; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2.051 *et seq.* of the Texas Election Code, the City Council may dispense with the necessity of holding the Election and may declare the results of the election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOUBLE HORN, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1:** That the certifications of the City Secretary relating to the General Election of November 7, 2023 be hereby received and acknowledged by the City Council.

**SECTION 2:** That it is hereby found and determined that the named individuals herein are the only candidates to have qualified for a place on the ballot of such Election and no one has qualified for a list of write-in candidates pursuant to the requirements of the Election Code. Therefore, the candidates are unopposed for the seats on the Double Horn City Council for which they have filed.

**SECTION 3:** That the City Election for November 7, 2023 is hereby cancelled pursuant to the authority of Sec. 2.053 of the Texas Election Code, and the City Council does hereby declare that the following unopposed candidates are duly elected to the following places on the Double Horn City Council:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Office</u>
Cathy Sereno	Mayor
Tom King	Alderman
Bob Schmitz	Alderman

A certificate of election shall be issued to each of the said candidates following the time the election would have been canvassed had the election been held and in the same manner as a candidate elected at the election had the election been held. Each of the said candidates must qualify for office in the same manner as provided for a candidate elected at the election, following the time the election would have been canvassed had the election been held.

<u>Official</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Expiration of Office</u>
Tom King	Alderman	November 2025
Bob Schmitz	Alderman	November 2025
Cathy Sereno	Mayor	November 2025

**SECTION 4:** The City Secretary is directed to post a copy of the Election Cancellation Notice at each designated polling place on November 7, 2023.

**SECTION 5:** That it is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Section 551.041, Texas Government Code.

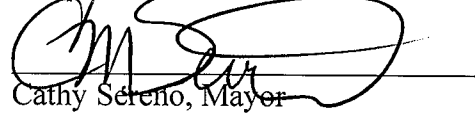
**SECTION 6:** It is declared to be the intent of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance is declared invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this Ordinance since the City Council would have enacted them without the invalid portion.

**SECTION 7:** This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City and shall not repeal any of the provisions of those ordinances except in those instances where the provisions of those ordinances are in direct conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 8:** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and approval by the City Council of the City of Double Horn, Texas.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on September 14, 2023.

**CITY OF DOUBLE HORN**

  
Cathy Sereno, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Karen Maxwell, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Patty L. Akers, City Attorney

**Exhibit "A"**

**CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES**

***CERTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS ÚNICOS***

**To: Cathy Sereno, Mayor**

***Al: Cathy Sereno, Alcalde***

As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, I hereby certify that the following candidates are unopposed for election to office for the general election scheduled to be held on November 7, 2023.

*Como autoridad a cargo de la preparación de la boleta de votación oficial, por la presente certifico que los siguientes candidatos únicos para elección para un cargo en la elección que se llevará a cabo el 7 de noviembre, 2023.*

<u>Office(s), Cargo(s)</u>		<u>Candidate(s), Candidato(s)</u>
Alderman/Concejal	-	Tom King
Alderman/Concejal	-	Bob Schmitz
Mayor/Alcalde	-	Cathy Sereno

  
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Karen Maxwell, City Secretary

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Date