

**ELECTION ORDER
ON THE APPLICATION FOR INCORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF DIKE, TEXAS**

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COUNTY OF HOPKINS §

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TRACY SMITH
COUNTY CLERK
HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER AND NOTICE OF INCORPORATION ELECTION

WHEREAS, came on to be considered the petition filed in the Office of the County Judge of Hopkins County, Texas, seeking to incorporate the proposed City of Dike, Texas pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, section 8.002. Section 8.002 provides that “[t]he residents of a community may initiate an attempt to incorporate ... by filing with the county judge a written petition signed by at least 10 percent of the qualified voters of the community.” Tex. Loc. Gov’t. Code §8.002. Further, “[t]he petition must request the county judge to order an election to determine whether the community will incorporate as a Type C general-law municipality.” *Id.*

WHEREAS, if the “county judge receives the petition and if satisfactory proof is made that the community contains the requisite number of inhabitants, the judge shall order an incorporation election to be held on a specified date and at a designated place in the community.” Tex. Loc. Gov’t. Code §8.003.

WHEREAS, “[t]he county judge shall appoint two election judges and two election clerks to conduct the incorporation election under this subchapter. The county judge shall designate one of the election judges to be the presiding judge.” Tex. Loc. Gov’t. Code §8.004.

WHEREAS, “[n]otice of an incorporation election under this subchapter must be published in a newspaper in the community before the 30th day before the date of the election, or if there is no newspaper in the community, the notice must be posted at three public places in the community for the 30 days preceding the date of the election. Tex. Loc. Gov’t. Code §8.005.

WHEREAS, “[a]t the election at which a community votes to incorporate as a Type C general-law municipality, a mayor and two commissioners must be elected.” Tex. Loc. Gov’t. Code §24.021(a).

THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that an election be held on the 6th day of May, 2023, for the incorporation of the proposed City of Dike, Texas. The designated place in the community where the incorporation election will be held on May 6, 2023 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. is the front room of the Dike Community Center located at 6580 FM 69 North, Dike, Texas 75437. The designated place for Early Voting held Monday, April 24, 2023 – Friday, April 28, 2023 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Monday, May 1, 2023 and Tuesday, May 2, 2023 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. will be at the Precinct 2 Courtroom of the Hopkins County Justice of the Peace Office located at 128 Jefferson Street, Suite G, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Tracy Smith
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)

128 Jefferson St., Suite C
(Address)

Sulphur Springs, TX 75482
(City) (Zip Code)

cclerk@hopkinscountytexas.org
(Email Address)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2023.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the election held on the 6th day of May, 2023, will also include the election of a Mayor and two City Commissioners of the City of Dike, pursuant to section 24.021 of the Texas Local Government Code. Candidates for the offices of Mayor and the two City Commissioners must submit candidacy applications in the Office of the County Clerk on or before 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 2023.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following individuals will be appointed to serve as election judges and election clerks to conduct the incorporation election:

<u>Michael Wolfe</u>	Presiding Election Judge
<u>Barbara Grubbs</u>	Alternate Election Judge
<u>Amanda Thomas</u>	Election Clerk
<u>Patsy Neal</u>	Election Clerk

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Notice of said incorporation election will be published in the newspaper, Sulphur Springs News-Telegram, before the 30th day before May 6, 2023, the day of the election.


Honorable County Judge Robert Newsom