

# CITY OF COUPLAND, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09-17-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COUPLAND, TEXAS, CANCELING THE GENERAL ELECTION OF 2024; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Coupland called for a regular election on November 5, 2024 (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the election is one in which a declaration of write-in candidacy is required; and

WHEREAS, no opposed at-large race is on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, each candidate whose name appears is to appear on the ballot is unopposed; and

WHEREAS, a certification of unopposed status has been delivered to the City Council of the City of Coupland, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 2.053 of the Texas Election Code, the City Council of the City of Coupland Texas must cancel the Election.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COUPLAND TEXAS, THAT:

**Section 1. Findings.** The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes as findings of fact.

**Section 2. Cancellation of the Election.** The City Council of the City of Coupland, Texas, hereby cancels the Election in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Office Sought</u>
Wells Mason	Alderman
Machelle Sandbulte	Alderwoman
Janet "Sue" Rogers	Alderwoman

***A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the Election.***

**Section 3. Savings Clause.** The City Council of the City of Coupland, Texas hereby declares that if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, work or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid, or unconstitutional, by a court of competent jurisdiction, that, in such event that it would have passed and ordained any and all remaining portions of this ordinance without the inclusion of that portion or portions which may be so found to be unconstitutional or invalid, and declares that its intent is to make no portion of this Ordinance

dependent upon the validity of any portion thereof, and that all said remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

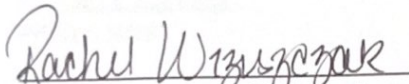
**Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

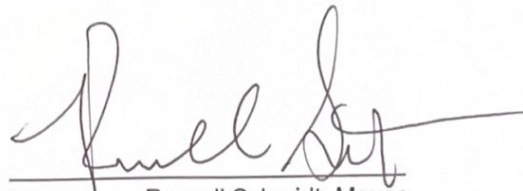
**Section 5. Open Meetings.** It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was considered was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Local Government Code.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.**

ATTEST:

  
Rachel Wrzuszczak, City Secretary

  
Russell Schmidt, Mayor

**CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR THE CITY OF COUPLAND TEXAS**

To: Russell Schmidt, Mayor of the City of Coupland, Texas

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 election scheduled to be on November 5, 2024.

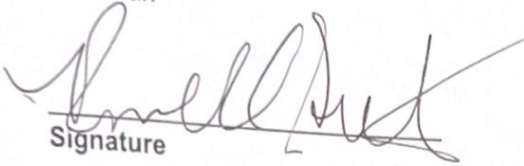
**List of offices and names of candidates:**

**Offices:**

Alderwoman  
Alderwoman  
Alderman

**Candidates:**

Machelle Sandbulte  
Janet "Sue" Rogers  
Wells Mason



Signature

RUSSELL SCHMIDT  
Printed Name

Mayor  
Title

09-17-2024  
Date of Signature