

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2011-4

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, TEXAS ESTABLISHING A PLACE SYSTEM FOR ELECTING ALDERMAN; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSIGNING OF PLACE NUMBERS TO EACH ALDERMAN'S OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR FILING AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIFIC PLACE ON THE BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR THE BALLOT TO SHOW EACH OFFICE OF ALDERMAN AS A SEPARATE OFFICE DESIGNATED BY A PLACE NUMBER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Clara is a Type A General Law Municipality located in Guadalupe County, Texas, created in accordance with provisions of the Texas Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas;

**WHEREAS**, The City of Santa Clara by passage of an ordinance may establish a place number system to identify elective office pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Sec. 21.001. ELECTION OF ALDERMEN BY PLACE SYSTEM IN GENERAL-LAW MUNICIPALITY, which provides:

(a) The governing body of a general-law municipality that is not divided into wards and that elects its aldermen at large may provide by ordinance for the election of aldermen under a place system.

(b) The ordinance must be enacted before the 60th day before the date of the first regular municipal election of aldermen under a place system.

(c) As soon as possible after the place system ordinance is enacted, the governing body shall assign place numbers to each alderman's office.

(d) When incumbent aldermen's terms of office expire, any candidate for the office of alderman shall file an application for a specific place on the governing body, such as "Alderman, Place No.1."

(e) The ballot for an election under the place system must show each office of alderman as a separate office designated by place number;"

**WHEREAS**, There are five Alderman and the position of Mayor in The City of Santa Clara; and

**WHEREAS**, The Alderman seats are currently held by James Folbre, Harrel Felix, Grant Hodges, Tracy Jonassen and Marshall Chamberlain and that Tracy Jonassen and Marshall Chamberlain assumed office on an odd year and James Folbre, Harrel Felix, and Grant Hodges assumed office on an even year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1**

**THAT**, the Aldermans Place numbers assigned shall be assigned as follows:  
Place 1 - James Folbre (even year)  
Place 2 - Harrel Felix (even year)  
Place 3 - Tracy Jonassen (odd year)  
Place 4 - Grant Hodges (even year)  
Place 5 - Marshall Chamberlain (odd year)

**SECTION 2**

**THAT**, When an incumbent Aldermen's term of office expires, any candidate for the office of Alderman shall file an application for a specific place on the City Council.

**THAT**, the ballot for an election under the place system shall show each office of Alderman as a separate office designated by place number.

**SECTION 3**

**THAT**, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 21st day of November, 2011

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Jeff Hunt, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Amie Bendal, City Secretary