



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, and continuing from day to day thereafter if necessary, the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, will hold a special meeting in the Kitty Young Council Chamber at 305 Miller's Crossing, Harker Heights, Texas 76548. The subjects to be discussed are listed in the following agenda:

MEETING AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL:

II. PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS:

Citizens who desire to address the Council on any matter may do so during this item. Please understand that while the Council appreciates hearing your comments, State law (Texas Gov't Code §551.042) prohibits them from: (1) engaging in discussion other than providing a statement of specific factual information or reciting existing City policy, and (2) taking action other than directing Staff to place the matter on a future agenda. Please state your name and address for the record and limit your comments to three minutes.

III. ELECTION BUSINESS:

1. Discuss and consider approving an ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, ordering a Special Election to be held on November 8, 2022, to submit to the electors a proposed citizen-initiative ordinance to eliminate enforcement of misdemeanor laws relating to marijuana possession within the City of Harker Heights except where such charges are a part of an investigation of a felony level narcotics case that has been designated as a high priority investigation by a Harker Heights Police Commander, Assistant Chief of Police or Chief of Police or of a violent felony case; to require a Harker Heights Police Officer to write a detailed report in the event marijuana is seized and to release the individual in possession of the marijuana if possession of marijuana is the sole charge; to prohibit Harker Heights Police Officers from issuing any charge for possession of marijuana except where such charges are a part of an investigation of a felony level narcotics case that has been designated as a high priority investigation by a Harker Heights Police Commander, Assistant Chief of Police or Chief of Police or of a violent felony case; to prohibit the filing of charges for possession of marijuana except where such charges are a part of an investigation of a felony level narcotics case that has been designated as a high priority investigation by a Harker Heights Police Commander, Assistant Chief of Police or Chief of Police or of a violent felony case; to prohibit the filing of charges for possession of drug residue or drug paraphernalia in lieu of a possession of marijuana charge; to prohibit use of city funds or personnel to request, conduct or obtain Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) testing of any suspected cannabis related substance, except in connection with a felony level narcotics case that has been designated as a high priority investigation by a Harker Heights Police Commander, Assistant Chief of Police or Chief of Police or of a violent felony case; to prohibit Harker Heights Police from using the odor of marijuana or hemp as probable cause for search or seizure, except in connection with a felony level narcotics case that has been designated as a high priority investigation by a Harker Heights Police Commander, Assistant Chief of Police or Chief of Police or of a violent felony case; to require the City Manager and Chief of Police to ensure that Police Officers receive adequate training regarding the provisions of this ordinance; to require modification of city

policies to comply with this ordinance; to require regular public meetings to discuss development of policies, procedures and practices relating to this ordinance; to require discipline for any Harker Heights Police Officer who violates any provisions of this ordinance; and to require the City Manager, or his or her designee, to report to the City Council annually regarding the implementation of this ordinance; authorizing a joint election contract with the Office of Election Administration of Bell County, Texas, for the manner and orderly conduct of the Election and authorizing the City Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the city, and take the appropriate action. (City Secretary)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board of City Hall, City of Harker Heights, Texas, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, on 29th of July, 2022, by 2:00 p.m., and remained posted for at least 72 continuous hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Julie Helsham
City Secretary

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at 254-953-5600, or FAX 254-953-5614, or email jhelsham@harkerheights.gov for further information.

Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Government Code the City Council reserves the right to go into Closed Meeting on any item listed above if deemed necessary.

Note: On occasion the City Council may consider agenda items out of order.