

**CITY OF BLYTHE
STATE OF GEORGIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01

RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

TO ORDER A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, GEORGIA, CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF THOMAS C. COBB; TO FIX THE QUALIFYING FEE AND PERIOD FOR QUALIFYING FOR SAID OFFICE; TO AUTHROIZE THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF RICHMOND COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO PERFORM ALL DUTIES AS SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SAID SPECIAL ELECTION AND RUNOFF, IF ANY, AS SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SEVICES FOR MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED WITHIN AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY, GEORGIA, DATED OCTOBER 28, 2003, AND PURSANT TO THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GOERIA ANNOTATED, SECTION 21-2-45(c); AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO PERFORM ALL DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR SAID SPECIAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, in the general election conducted on November 7, 2017, Thomas C. (Tom) Cobb was elected to service as Mayor of the City of Blythe for the term of four (4) years beginning January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2018, Thomas C. Cobb resigned as Mayor of the City of Blythe;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, GEORGIA, THAT:

Section 1. A Special Election shall be held in the City of Blythe, Georgia, to be conducted by the Richmond County Board of Elections, Richmond County, Georgia, on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, for the purpose of electing a Mayor of the City of Blythe, Georgia, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Thomas C. Cobb for the remainder of Thomas C. Cobb's unexpired term which expires on December 31, 2021.

Section 2. The qualifying fee for the office of Mayor of the City of Blythe in said Special Municipal Election shall be \$108.00.

Section 3. The period in which candidates must qualify for the vacated office of Mayor of the City of Blythe in said Special Municipal Election shall be Monday, February 5, 2018, and ending


Wednesday February 7, 2018. Hours to qualify for said office shall be from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2018, and 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, excluding the hour from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. The deadline for qualifying to vote in the Special Municipal Election for the office of Mayor of the City of Blythe shall be the close of business on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

Section 5. Pursuant to the authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 21-2-45(c), the Richmond County Board of Elections, Richmond County, Georgia, is hereby authorized to conduct said Special Municipal Election and runoff, if any, and in conduction thereof shall perform all duties of the superintendent of elections with the exception of qualification of candidates as agreed in that Contract for Election Services for Municipalities Located Within Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia, by and between the City of Blythe, Georgia and the Richmond County Board of Elections dated October 28, 2003, and with the exception of making application and submission for preclearance to the U. S. Department of Justice pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, 42 U.S.C 1973.

Section 6. The City Clerk shall perform the duties of the superintendent of elections solely for the qualification of candidates for said Special Municipal Election. The City Clerk shall accept notice of candidacy and qualifying fees filed and paid by candidates for the office of Mayor of the City of Blythe, Georgia.

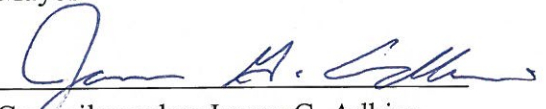
SO APPROVED AND RESOLVED this 8th day of January 2018, by the Councilmembers of the City of Blythe, Georgia.

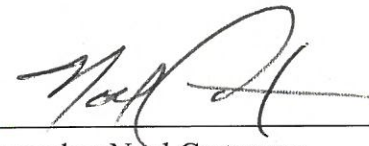

Councilmember Cindy Parham


Councilmember Daisy M. Price

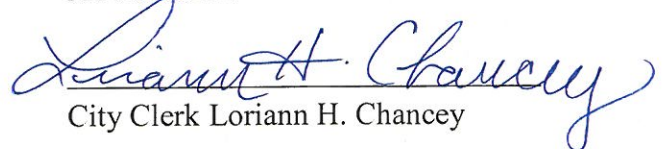
Vacant Seat

Mayor


Councilmember James G. Adkins


Councilmember Noel Cartagena

ATTESTED:


City Clerk Loriann H. Chancey

