



ORDINANCE NO. 556-2017-05

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS,
CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE
RESULTS OF THE SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017 SPECIAL
ELECTION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Venus (“City”), Texas is Type A General Law municipality located in Johnson and Ellis Counties, Texas organized under the laws of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, in February, 2017 the City Council (“Council”) passed Ordinance 551-2017 calling a special election to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 for voters to vote for or against the proposition for the adoption of an additional sales and use tax within the City of Venus at the rate of one-quarter of one percent to be used to reduce the property tax rate;

WHEREAS, the Council has investigated to confirm said election was conducted in strict accordance with the TEXAS ELECTION CODE, including all notice requirements, ordering requirements, ballot preparation, language translation, polling location accessibility, collection of voted ballots and making of returns;

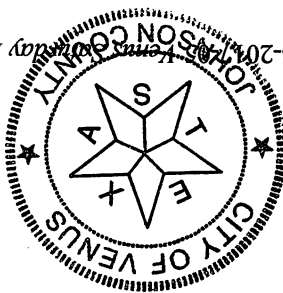
WHEREAS, the appointed election officers who held the special election have duly made the returns of the result thereof, and said returns have been duly delivered to the Council; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, as is required by the TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

The Council officially finds and determines that said special election was duly ordered, that proper notice of said election was duly given, that proper election officers were duly appointed prior to said special election, that said special election was duly held, that the City has complied with the FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS ACT and the TEXAS ELECTION CODE, that due returns of the result of said special election have been made and delivered, and that the Council has duly canvassed said returns, all in accordance with the law and Ordinance No. 551-2017 calling said special election.



RANA GAMEL
City Secretary

ATTEST:

CASS ROBERT CALLAWAY
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mayor Pro-Tem

CHARLES W. DADY

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE VENUS CITY COUNCIL ON THIS THE 15th DAY OF MAY, 2017.

This ordinance shall take immediate effect upon passage of the Council.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Council officially finds, determines and declares the result of said special election to be that the proposition so submitted has received a favorable majority vote in all respects and has carried by a margin of **121** votes.

SECTION 3.

The adoption of an additional sales and use tax within the City of Venus at the rate of one-quarter of one percent to be used to reduce the property tax rate.

9 Against

130 For

PROPOSITION

The Council officially finds and determines that the following votes were cast at said special election on the submitted proposition by the resident, qualified electors of the City who voted in the special election:

SECTION 2.