



Valdosta City Council

216 East Central Ave
Valdosta, GA 31601

SCHEDULED

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Department: City Manager/Mayor
Category: Municipal Election
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Special Election to fill the vacant position for Valdosta City Council District 3.

BUDGET IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

HISTORY: The untimely death of Councilman Joseph Sonny Vickers has resulted in a vacant position on Council, specifically District 3. According to the City Charter, when a vacancy occurs in the Mayor or Council seats and the next regular Municipal Election exceeds six months, a Special Called Election must be conducted. I have included the Section 3.22 of the City Charter below for your review:

Section 3.22, Filling of vacancies

In the event the office of mayor or councilmember shall become vacant for any cause whatsoever, the mayor and council shall within ten days after the occurrence of such vacancy call a Special Election as provided by law to fill the balance of the unexpired term of office, provided however if a regular election for the office of mayor or councilmember is to be held within six months after such vacancy occurs the mayor and the remaining members of the council shall by majority vote appoint a qualified person to the remainder of the unexpired term.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

- The qualifying fee for the Special Election is \$474.
- The qualifying dates will be July 5, 2022 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending July 7, 2022 at noon.
- The City Manager is requesting that Lowndes County Board of Elections run the Special Election. These services include