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PRESS RELEASE

On June 18, 2025, I received a petition to incorporate the town of Port Mansfield, Texas as a Type C general-law municipality. The petition was forwarded to Willacy County Attorney, Annette Hinojosa for review. After careful review and verification of the petition and signatures with the Willacy County Elections Administrator, on August 13, 2025 the Willacy County Attorney notified me that she has determined the satisfactory proof in support of the statutory requirements of the petition have been met.

Therefore, on this day, I have signed an order for an election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, to determine whether the community to be known as the incorporated town of Port Mansfield, Texas should be incorporated as a Type C General-Law municipality and, at that same election, to elect initial offices of mayor and two commissioners.

The election will be conducted by the Willacy County Elections Office. They will also release voting information as well as information regarding the filing period, application information, and filing fees for candidates.



Hon. Aurelio "Keter" Guerra
County Judge

Petition requesting the County Judge of Willacy County, Texas, order an election to determine whether the community to be known as the incorporated Town of Port Mansfield, Texas should be incorporated as a Type-C general law municipality.

WHEREAS, the community group known as the Concerned Citizens of Port Mansfield, Texas has collected 85 signatures representing one quarter of the registered voters of the area to be incorporated as the Town of Port Mansfield and these signatures have been gathered to trigger the procedures contained in Section 8.002 of the Texas Local Government Code regarding municipal incorporation,

WHEREAS, the Concerned Citizens have retained a professional surveyor, Scheibe Consulting LLC of Harlingen, Texas to produce a Plat on which the proposed Town of Port Mansfield is delineated by metes and bounds and showing a total area of less than two square miles, which satisfies Section 8.001(a)(3) of the Texas Local Government Code

WHEREAS, the historic Port Mansfield community has been recognized as a distinct residential area within Willacy County since the middle of the last century and has long been populated by commercial and sport fishing enthusiasts as well as retirees and transient winter Texans,

WHEREAS, the community of Port Mansfield contains more than 201 but less than 4,999 in habitants, which satisfied Section 8.001 (a)(2) and,

WHEREAS, the community of Port Mansfield is not within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of any other municipality of the State of Texas, and,

WHEREAS, the proposed municipality lies entirely within Willacy County, Texas, and

WHEREAS, the community incorporating as the Town of Port Mansfield will adopt the Type-C commission form of government, which satisfies Section 8.001(b), and

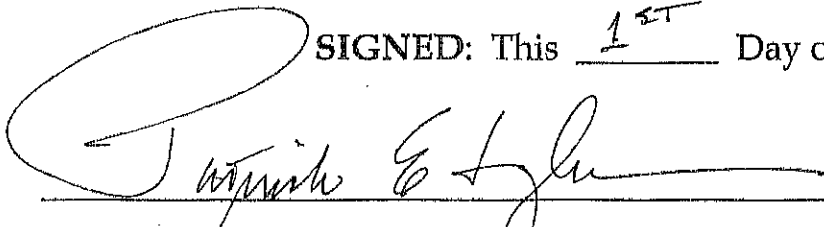
WHEREAS, the petition is being submitted pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas, including Article XI, Section 4 of the Texas Constitution,

Chapters 5,8, and 24 of the Texas Local Government Code, and Chapter 277 of the Elections Code, and,

WHEREAS, candidates for the office of Mayor and two Commissioners will be registered with the Willacy County Elections office in a timely manner after an election schedule is set,

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully pray, request and petition the Honorable Judge of Willacy County, Texas to order an incorporation election that also serves as a contemporaneous election of governing officers - Mayor and two Commissioners - to be held at the Port Mansfield Chamber of Commerce Hall on a specified date which gives the community of Port Mansfield approximately 90 days to conduct a political campaign which need not be a uniform election date pursuant to Texas Election Code 41.001(b) or, alternately, at the first uniform election date following the receipt of this petition and a period of 90 days to accommodate a political campaign for candidates.

SIGNED: This 1ST Day of June 2025



Patrick E. Tyler, for Concerned Citizens of Port Mansfield, Texas.