

ORDINANCE NO. 20260806-

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS DISTRICT 1, DISTRICT 3, DISTRICT 5, DISTRICT 8, AND DISTRICT 9; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE GENERAL ELECTION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. A general municipal election shall be held in the City on November 3, 2026. At the election there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the City, City Council Members (single-member districts) for District 1, District 3, District 5, District 8, and District 9. The candidates for Districts 1, 3, 5, 8, and 9 shall meet all requirements, shall be residents of their respective districts, and shall be elected by majority vote of voters residing in each respective district.

PART 2. The location of the main early voting polling place, the dates and hours for early voting, and the early voting clerk's official mailing address are provided in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance. This ordinance will be amended prior to the election to update Exhibit A with the final early voting schedule, add exhibits containing executed English and Spanish copies of this ordinance, providing the full lists of early voting sites and election day polling places, containing executed contracts and joint election agreements, and designating election judges and staff, as required by state law.

PART 3. As specified in Resolution No. 20231019-006, the City adopts Travis County's electronic voting system for use in the election for early voting and voting conducted on election day in Travis County. The central counting station for Travis County is established at the Travis County Elections Division, 5501 Airport Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78751.

PART 4. As specified in Resolution No. 20231019-006, the City adopts Williamson County's electronic voting system for use in the election for early voting and voting conducted on election day in Williamson County. The central counting station for Williamson County is established at Williamson County Elections Department, 301 SE Inner Loop, Suite 104, Georgetown, Texas 78626.

PART 5. As specified in Resolution No. 20231019-006, the City adopts Hays County's electronic voting system for use in the election for early voting and voting conducted on election day in Hays County. The central counting station for Hays County is established at Hays County Elections, 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

PART 6. Notice of the election shall be posted and published in accordance with state law. The notice shall be posted, in both English and Spanish, in the office of the City Clerk and at the City Hall notice kiosk not later than the 21st day before election day. Notice of the election shall be published one time, in English and Spanish, not earlier than the 30th day but before the date of the elections or later than the 10th day before the date of the election, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

PART 7. In accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, the November 3, 2026, general election may be held jointly with the various political subdivisions that share territory with the City and that are holding elections on that day. The City Clerk may enter and sign joint election agreements with other political subdivisions for this purpose, and their terms as stated in the agreements are hereby adopted.

PART 8. The Council finds that the need to immediately begin required preparations for these elections constitutes an emergency. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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 Kirk Watson
 Mayor

APPROVED: _____
 Deborah Thomas
 City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
 Erika Brady
 City Clerk