

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEALY, TEXAS, AMENDING CALLING AND ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING MAYOR AND ONE (1) COUNCILMEMBER; DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACE FOR SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING THE FORM OF THE BALLOT FOR SUCH ELECTIONS; DIRECTING THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SUCH ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING DETAILS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTIONS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEALY, TEXAS:**

Section 1. In accordance with the general laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, a General Election is hereby called and ordered for May 2, 2026, at which election all qualified voters of the City may vote for the purpose of electing the following officials of the City:

**MAYOR  
COUNCILMEMBER, PLACE 1**

Section 3. No person's name shall be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate for the above-mentioned position unless such person has filed his or her sworn application, as provided by the TEXAS ELECTION CODE, with the City Secretary of this City at the City of Sealy Municipal Building, 415 Main Street, Sealy, Texas 77474, not later than five o'clock (5:00) p.m. on February 13, 2026. The City Secretary shall note on the face of each such application the date and time of its filing. Such application shall include the office the candidate is seeking.

Section 4. The present boundaries of the City constitute one (1) election precinct, which shall be designated Election Precinct "A" and includes all of Austin County Election Precinct Nos. 307, 408, and 409 that lie within the city limits of the City of Sealy. The polls shall be open for voting from seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. until seven (7:00) p.m. at the following polling place:

POLLING PLACE  
W. E. Hill Community Center  
1000 Main Street  
Sealy, Texas 77474

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Section 5. Kim Rinn, Austin County Election Official, is hereby appointed clerk for early voting; the appointment of the Election Judge, clerks, or other required appointments shall be made by Kim Rinn in accordance with the TEXAS ELECTION CODE.

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1000 Main Street  
Sealy, Texas 77474

is hereby designated as the place for early voting for such election. Said clerks shall keep said office open during the hours from eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. until five o'clock (5:00) p.m., on each day for early voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state or federal holiday, beginning on the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) day preceding the date of such election being April 20, 2026, and continuing through the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) day preceding the date of such election being April 28, 2026, or as required by law. Said clerks shall not permit anyone to vote early by personal appearance at any time when such office is not open to the public. The place to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent is 804 East Wendt Street, Bellville, Texas 77418. Early voting clerk name and address is Kim Rinn, 804 East Wendt Street, Bellville, Texas 77418. The early voting clerk, in accordance with the provisions of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE, shall maintain a roster listing of each person who votes early by personal appearance and each person to whom a ballot to be voted by mail is sent. The roster shall be maintained in a form approved by the Secretary of State.

Section 6. All ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the TEXAS ELECTION CODE. Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting machine(s) shall be used for early voting and for voting on Election Day. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election and the purchase of materials therefore are hereby authorized.

Section 7. Kim Rinn, Austin County Elections Official, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct such election.

Section 8. Pursuant to the TEXAS ELECTION CODE, write-in votes cast in the Municipal Election shall not be counted unless the name written in appears on the list of write-in

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candidates. To be entitled to a place on the list of write-in candidates, a candidate must make a declaration of write-in candidacy. Such declaration is to be filed with the City Secretary not later than five o'clock (5:00) p.m. on February 17, 2026, and all of said declarations shall be submitted as required by law.

Section 9. The candidate receiving a majority of votes in the position to be filled in the Municipal Election shall be declared elected to such position.

Section 10. The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot for the Municipal election shall be determined by a drawing by the City Secretary, as provided by Section 52.094 of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE. The City Secretary shall post a notice in her office of the date, hour, and place of drawing. Such notice shall remain posted continuously for seventy-two (72) hours immediately preceding the scheduled time of the drawing, and personal notice shall also be given to any candidate who makes written request for such notice and furnishes to the City Secretary a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Each candidate involved in the drawing, or a designated representative, shall have a right to be present and observe the drawing.

Section 11. Notice of this election shall be given in accordance with the provision of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE and returns of such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE, and returns of such notice shall be made as provided for in said Code. The Mayor shall issue all necessary orders and writs for such elections, and returns of such election shall be made to the City Secretary immediately after the closing of the polls.

Section 12. Such election shall be held in accordance with the TEXAS ELECTION CODE and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended. Orders are attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

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**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2026.**

Carolyn Bilski  
Carolyn Bilski, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Sandra Vrablec  
Sandra Vrablec, City Secretary





Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Kim Rinn

Name of Early Voting Clerk  
(Nombre del Secretario/a de la Votación Adelantada)

804 E. Wendt Street

Address (Dirección)

Bellville

City (Ciudad) Zip Code (Código Postal)

(979) 865-8633

Telephone Number (Número de teléfono)

krinn@austincounty.com

Email Address (Dirección de Correo Electrónico)

<https://austincounty.com/page/austin.election>

Early Voting Clerk's Website (Sitio web del Secretario/a de Votación Adelantada)

Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBM) must be received no later than the close of business on:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el:)

04 / 20 / 2026  
(date)(fecha)

Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on:  
(La Tarjeta Federal Postal de Solicitud deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el:)

04 / 20 / 2026  
(date)(fecha)

Issued this 03 day of 03, 20 26  
(day) (month) (year)

(Emitida este día 03 de 03, 20 26.)  
(día) (mes) (año)

Signature of Mayor (Firma del Alcalde)

Signature of Councilperson  
(Firma del Concejal)

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