

RESOLUTION NO. 849-0326

THE CITY OF WORTHAM COUNCIL MEMBERS, CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED BY THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF WORTHAM, TEXAS

WHEREAS, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code (the "Code") specifies that the first Saturday in May shall be a "Uniform Election Date" and that a general election of a City may be held on such a day;

WHEREAS, State law requires that a general election be held;

WHEREAS, by this Resolution, it is the intention of the City Council to designate all requirements of an Election Order and Notice of Election in accordance to state law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to designate certain officials and contract with Freestone County Election Department to conduct various aspects of election services for the City.

Section 1. General Election Ordered. A general election is hereby ordered to be held on May 2, 2026 for the purpose of electing three (3) Council Members for a two (2) year term, at large, for the City of Wortham, Texas.

Section 2. Joint Election Administration Contract. The City Secretary is hereby authorized to contract with Freestone County (the "County") for election administration services (the "Agreement"). The City Council Members further authorize and agree to the conduct of a joint election with other political subdivisions within Freestone County, provided that such political subdivisions hold an election on May 2, 2026, in all or part of the same territory as the City (the "Political Subdivisions"). Any joint election shall be conducted in accordance with state law, this Resolution, and the Agreement with Freestone County. In the event of a conflict between this Resolution and the Agreement, the Agreement shall control.

Section 3. Election Precincts and Election Day Polling Place. The election precincts shall be those established by the County. The polling locations shall be those designated by the Freestone County Elections Department.

Section 4. Election Officers. The Freestone County Election Officer is appointed to serve as the City's Election Officer and Early Voting Clerk and shall coordinate, supervise, and conduct

all aspects of administering voting for the City's joint election. The Freestone County Election Officer assumes the responsibility for recruiting election personnel and training thereof.

Section 5. Early Voting. Early voting in said election shall be designated by Freestone County Elections Department in accordance with state law. Requests for applications for early voting ballots by mail should be mailed to Freestone County Elections Department, P.O. Box 1150, Fairfield, TX 75840.

Section 6. Candidate Filing Period. In accordance with Section 143.007 of the Texas Election Code ("Code"), the filing period for an application for a place on the ballot, for this election, is declared to begin at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2026. All candidates for the offices to be filled in the election to be held on May 2, 2026, shall file their application to become candidates with the City Secretary at City Hall, 108 West Main, Wortham, Texas, on any weekday that is not a City holiday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and all said applications shall be on a form as prescribed by the Election Code of the State of Texas.

Section 7. Drawing. The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing conducted by the City Secretary, as provided by the Texas Election Code.

Section 8. Notice and Publication. This Resolution shall serve as the Order of Election (as required by Section 3.001 of the Code) for the General Election. A copy of the Resolution shall be available for viewing at City Hall office at least twenty-one (21) days before the election. Notice of General Election (as required by Section 4.001 of the Code) shall be published in the newspaper in accordance with state law. A copy of the Notice of General Election shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings for the Council Members at least twenty-one (21) days before the election.

Section 9. Governing Law. The election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Texas Election Code, and all residents, qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at the election.

Section 10. Necessary Action. The Mayor and the City Secretary, in consultation with the City Attorney, are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, and the City Code in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized by this Resolution.

Section 11. Election Results. The Freestone County Elections Administrator shall conduct an unofficial tabulation of results after the closing of the polls on May 2, 2026. The official canvass, tabulations and declaration of the results of the election shall be conducted by the City Council at a regular or special meeting held in accordance with provisions of the Texas Election Code.

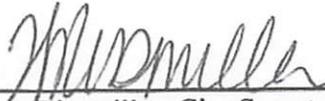
Section 12. This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF WORTHAM, TEXAS, ON THE 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026



Patty Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tonya Rissmiller, City Secretary



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