

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01-28 (2)

**AN ORDINANCE ORDERING, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES  
FOR THE 2025 GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF ROCKDALE.**

**WHEREAS**, on May 3, 2025, unless superseded by State or Federal law, there shall be elected the following officials for this City: one (1) Mayor-at-large, one (1) Councilmember – East Ward and one (1) Councilmember – West Ward;

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Election Code is applicable to said election and this Ordinance establishes procedures consistent with the Code, and designates the voting place for the election;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS:**

**Section 1. General Election.** The General Election of the City shall be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, unless superseded by State or Federal law, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas, to elect one mayor-at-large, one Councilmember to the East Ward and one Councilmember to the West Ward, to serve a term of three (3) years each. Candidates at the election for the above offices shall file their application to become candidates with the City Secretary of the City, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas, between 8:30 a.m. on January 15, 2025 and 4:30 p.m. on February 14, 2025. All applications for candidacy shall be on a form as prescribed by the Tex. Elec. Code. The order in which the names of the candidates for each office are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing conducted by the City Secretary. The drawing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on February 24, 2024, at Rockdale City Hall.

**Section 2. Ballots.** Electronic ballots using the Verity electronic voting system shall be used for the election. The electronic voting machines shall be programmed in such a manner as to prevent a voter from voting in the city election in which he or she is not entitled to vote. Use of paper ballots to be voted by mail will remain the same.

**Section 3. Printed Materials.** The official ballots, together with such other election materials as are required by the Tex. Elec. Code, as amended, shall be printed in both the English and Spanish languages and shall contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law.

**Section 4. Early Voting.** Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave., Rockdale, Texas between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning on April 21, 2025 and ending on April 25, 2025. Extended hours for early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at City Hall on April 28 and April 29, 2025 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. as required in the Tex. Elec. Code.

**Section 5. Election Day Voting.** Voting by personal appearance on Election Day will be conducted at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave., Rockdale, Texas between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2025.

**Section 6. Notice of Election.** Notice of the election shall be given in the manner as provided in the Tex. Elec. Code and the City Charter. A notice containing a substantial copy of this Ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the governing body at the City Hall and at the aforesaid polling place not later than the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) day before the

election, and by publishing said Notice of Election at least one time, not earlier than thirty (30) days nor later than ten (10) days prior to said election, in a newspaper in general circulation in the City. The Mayor shall give notice of this election in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Section, and all necessary orders and writs therefore shall be issued by the proper authority.

**Section 7. General.** The general election shall be held in accordance with the *Tex. Elec. Code* and, to the extent not inconsistent therewith, the *City Charter*. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct said election. Returns of the election shall be made known as soon as possible after the closing of the polls; and the election returns shall be canvassed by the City Council not earlier than May 6, 2025 nor later than May 14, 2025.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 13 day of JANUARY 2025.

FINALLY PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this the 28 day of February, 2025.

City of Rockdale

Attest:



Shanna Johnson  
City Secretary



Ward Roddam, Mayor