

ORDINANCE 2026-

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2026, unless superseded by State or Federal law, there shall be elected the following officials for this City: one (1) Councilmember - East Ward and one (1) Councilmember - West Ward;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 The General Election of the City shall be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, unless superseded by State or Federal law, City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, Texas to elect one Councilmember to the East Ward and one Councilmember to the West Ward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 Avenue, Rockdale, Texas between 8:30 a.m. on January 14, 2026, and 4:30 p.m. on February 13, 2026. All applications for candidacy shall be on a form as prescribed by the Texas Election Code. The order in which 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 2:00 p.m. on February 20, 2026, 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 remain the same.

Section 3. Printed Materials. The official ballots, together with such other election materials as are required by the Texas Election Code as amended, shall be printed in both 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 day at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave., Rockdale, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 20, 2026, and ending on April 26, 2026. Extended hours for early

voting by personal appearance will be conducted at City Hall on April 28 and April 29, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2026.

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 2, 2026.

Section 6. Notice of Election. Notice of the election shall be given in the manner as provided in the Texas Election 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 City Hall and at the foresaid polling place not later than the twenty-first (21) day before the election, and by publishing said Notice of Election at least one time, not earlier the 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 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 the held in accordance with the Tex as Election 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 closing of the polls; and the election returns shall be canvassed by the City Council not earlier than May 5, 2026, not later than May 16, 2026.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the __12____ day of January 2026.

FINALLY PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this the _____ day of February 2026.

City of Rockdale, Texas

ATTEST:

Ward Roddam, Mayor

Shanna Johnson
City Secretary