

ORDINANCE 1261

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITESBORO, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) ALDERMAN FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EACH, THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY 2026,; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OFFICERS; DESIGNATING THE PLACE AND MANNER OF HOLDING SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION AND THE CONDUCT THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, as amended ("Code") establishes the first Saturday in May as a "uniform election date" for the purposes of conducting general and special elections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Whitesboro, Texas ("City Council") is the governing body authorized to order elections pursuant to Chapter 41 of the Code, and Chapter 22 of Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the City shall conduct a general election to elect three (3) full term Alderman..

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Whitesboro, Texas, as follows:

Section 1: In accordance with the general laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, a general election is hereby called and ordered for the first Saturday in May 2026, the same being the 2nd day of said month ("Election Day"), to be held between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. (7:00 a.m.) and seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.).

Section 2: The purpose of the general election ordered by this Ordinance is so that all qualified voters residing within the corporate limits of the City of Whitesboro, Texas, may vote for the purpose of electing three (3) full term Alderman.

Section 3: The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing by the City Secretary as provided by Section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code.

Section 4: All resident qualified electors of the City shall be permitted to vote at the election and on the day of the election, such electors shall vote at the Grayson County, Texas designated polling place(s). Three (3) full term Alderman shall be elected for the City by a plurality vote of the registered voters of the City. Three (3) full term Alderman shall be qualified for office as specified by the Code, by Chapter 22 of Texas Local Government Code, and by other applicable law.

Section 5: The City Council hereby designates the following election day polling location for the voters for the City of Whitesboro located at 111 W. Main Street, Whitesboro, Texas 76273. The polls shall be open on said Election Day at said polling place from seven o'clock a.m. (7:00 a.m.) and seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.).

Section 6: Section 61.012 of the Code requires that the city must provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in a Texas

election on or after January 1, 2006. The City shall use, in Early Voting and Election Day Voting, a voter assist terminal as approved by the Secretary of State and shall contract with Grayson County Election Administration for the use of said voter assist equipment that Grayson County Election Administration uses for its elections, as same may be necessary.

Section 7: The preparation of the voting equipment to be used in connection with the general election ordered herein shall conform to the Code so as to permit the electors to vote for three (3) full term Alderman. Said ballots shall have printed thereon such provisions, markings, and language as may be required by law. The City shall contract with Grayson County Election Administration for the use of said voting equipment and ballots for the election ordered by the Resolution, as same may be necessary.

Section 8: The City shall contract with Grayson County Election Administration to perform all duties normally performed by the City Secretary in general and special elections with respect to early voting, election day voting, and preparing the official ballots.

Section 9: The City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election notices, preparation of ballot wording and candidate order to the Grayson County Election Administration officer.

Section 10: The City shall contract with Grayson County Election Administration to coordinate, supervise and handle all aspects of administering the election ordered by this Ordinance. Early voting shall be conducted in accordance with the Code and with the contract between the City and Grayson County Election Administration.

Section 11: The Grayson County Elections Administrator is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk. Early Voting shall begin on April 20, 2026, through and including April 28, 2026. The Early Voting locations shall be as designed in the Grayson County Election Administration contract with the City, and shall remain open for at least eight (8) hours on each day for Early Voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state or federal holiday, between the hours of eight o'clock a.m. (8:00 a.m.) and five o'clock p.m. (5:00 p.m.).

Section 12: In accordance with Section 85.005(d) of the Code, two days of the Early Voting period will be open for twelve (12) hours on days which are not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state or federal holiday, on dates specified by Grayson County Election Administration.

Section 13 All voting, including early voting by personal appearance and by mailed ballots, shall be accomplished using paper ballots approved by Grayson County Election Administration officer. The City hereby appoints the County Election Officer as the custodian of voted ballots.

Section 14: Pursuant to the contract with Grayson County Election Administration, the County Election Officer will be responsible for appointing the election judge, any alternate election judge, any clerk(s) or other election worker(s), and for paying the costs of election judges and clerks.

Section 15: The election ordered by this Ordinance shall be held in accordance with the code and the contract between the City and Grayson County Election Administration. The City shall give notice of said election in accordance with the provisions of the Code, and all necessary orders and writs for said election shall be issued by the proper authority. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the contract between the City and Grayson County Election Administration, and to execute such other documents related to the election ordered by this Ordinance, as may be necessary to the proper conduct thereof.

Section 16: A substantial copy of this Ordinance shall serve as proper notice of the election. Such notice, including a Spanish translation thereof if required, shall be posted not later than the 21st day before the election on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the City Council and shall also be published at least once not earlier than the 30th day nor later than the 10th day before the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

Section 17: Should any part, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase contained in this Ordinance be held to be unconstitutional or of no force and effect, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, but in all respects said remaining portions shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 18: This Ordinance shall take effective immediately from and after the date of its passage.

Passed, Approved and Adopted by the City Council of the City of Whitesboro on this 10th day of February 2026.

Attest:

Jeff Butts, Mayor

Teresa Nino, City Secretary