

Ordinance No. 26-007

An ordinance ordering a General Election to be held on May 2, 2026, in the City of Arlington, and a Runoff Election, should same be required, on June 13, 2026, for the purpose of electing the Mayor, Council single-member districts 3, 4, and 5, and Council at-large district 8; prescribing the form of ballots; providing for notices; providing this ordinance be cumulative; providing for severability; providing for governmental immunity and providing for injunctions

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That an election be held in the City of Arlington, Texas, on Saturday, the 2nd day of May, 2026, (hereinafter the "May Election") for the purpose of electing the Mayor, Council single-member districts 3, 4, and 5, and Council at-large district 8. The May Election shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on said date; and in the event a runoff is required, such election shall be held in the City of Arlington, Texas, on Saturday, the 13th day of June, 2026, (hereinafter the "Runoff Election") for such purposes and between said hours on said date.

2.

The May Election and Runoff Election shall be held under the provisions of the Charter of the City of Arlington, Texas, the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and amendments thereof, insofar as same may be applicable.

3.

This ordinance shall constitute the Order of the May Election and the Runoff Election.

4.

The form of ballots to be used in the May Election shall be substantially as follows, except that the names of each of the candidates filing for City Council Member districts shall be inserted on the blank lines, and the ballots shall be numbered serially.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

BOLETA OFICIAL

LÁ PHIẾU CHÍNH THỨC

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by completing the arrow to the right of the candidate's name, using a #2 pencil or marker provided.

Votar por el candidato de su preferencia en cada puesto llenando la flecha a la derecha del nombre del candidato, usando un lápiz #2 o marcador.

Bỏ phiếu cho ứng cử viên theo sự lựa chọn của quý vị trong mỗi cuộc tranh cử bằng cách nối liền mũi tên phía bên phải tên của ứng cử viên, sử dụng bút chì số #2 hoặc bút đánh dấu được cung cấp.

For Mayor
Para Alcalde
THUẬN Thị trưởng

For Council Member, District #3
Para Concejales, Distrito #3
THUẬN Ủy viên Hội đồng Quận 3

For Council Member, District #4
Para Concejales, Distrito #4
THUẬN Ủy viên Hội đồng Quận 4

For Council Member, District #5
Para Concejales, Distrito #5
THUẬN Ủy viên Hội đồng Quận 5

For Council Member, District #8
Para Concejales, Distrito #8
THUẬN Ủy viên Hội đồng Quận 8

5.

The form of ballots to be used in the Runoff Election shall be substantially as follows, except that the names of the candidates eligible for City Council Member

districts shall be inserted on the blank lines. Only those places will appear on the ballot for which a runoff is required. The ballots shall be numbered serially.

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For Mayor
Para Alcalde
THUẬN Thị trưởng

For Council Member, District #3
Para Concejales, Distrito #3
THUẬN Ủy viên Hội đồng Quận 3

For Council Member, District #4
Para Concejales, Distrito #4
THUẬN Ủy viên Hội đồng Quận 4

For Council Member, District #5
Para Concejales, Distrito #5
THUẬN Ủy viên Hội đồng Quận 5

For Council Member, District #8
Para Concejales, Distrito #8
THUẬN Ủy viên Hội đồng Quận 8

6.

Clint Ludwig, Tarrant County Elections Administrator, or his successor, is hereby appointed as Early Voting Clerk for the May Election and the Runoff Election, if any. Early voting by mail shall be conducted in conformance with the requirements of the Code. The main early voting polling place is hereby designated to be the Tarrant County Elections Center, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111. Ballot applications and ballots voted by mail shall be sent to:

Early Voting Clerk
Tarrant County Elections Center,
P.O. Box 961011,
Fort Worth, TX 76161-0011
Telephone Number: 817-831-8683
Fax Number: 817-850-2344
Email: votebymail@tarrantcounty.com
Early Voting Clerk's Website: <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html>

Applications for Ballots by Mail must be received no later than the close of business on: April 20, 2026.

7.

Early voting by personal appearance in the May Election will begin April 20, 2026, and continue April 22, 2026, through April 28, 2026, with the voting dates and hours as follows:

April 20	Monday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
April 21*	No Early Voting due to San Jacinto Day	
April 22-24	Wednesday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
April 25	Saturday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
April 26	Sunday	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
April 27 - 28	Monday- Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

8.

Early voting by personal appearance in the Runoff Election, if any, will begin June 1, 2026, and continue through June 9, 2026, with the voting dates and hours as follows:

June 1 – 5	Monday-Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
June 6	Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
June 7	Sunday	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
June 8 - 9	Monday-Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

9.

The City Secretary shall cause official ballots to be prepared in the form of the ballot first above prescribed, being in English, Spanish and Vietnamese, and shall furnish election officials said ballots, in such form, together with any other forms or blanks, in accordance with the Charter of the City of Arlington, Texas, the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and any amendments thereto, insofar as same are applicable. The Hart InterCivic Verity Voting System v. 2.7, a Hybrid system, shall be used for all forms of voting for the May Election and Runoff Election, including election day voting at polling locations, early voting in person, early voting by mail, and provisional voting.

10.

Notice of the Election shall be given by posting a notice in English, Spanish and Vietnamese at the City Hall on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the Election, and by publication of said notice at least once in a newspaper of general circulation not earlier than the 30th day nor later than the 10th day before the date of the Election, and said notices shall be posted in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

11.

Insofar as this ordinance pertains to a runoff election, the City Council of the City of Arlington does hereby find that the date of said election, to-wit, June 13, 2026, is not earlier than the 30th day and not later than the 45th day after the date of the main election, as required by V.T.C.A., Election Code § 2.025.

12.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington; and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

13.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

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14.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

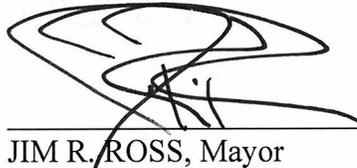
15.

Any violation of this ordinance can be enjoined by a suit filed in the name of the City of Arlington in a court of competent jurisdiction, and this remedy shall be in addition to any penal provision in this ordinance or in the Code of the City of Arlington.

16.

This ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage upon signature of the Mayor.

PRESENTED AND GIVEN FIRST READING on the 27th day of January, 2026, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas; and GIVEN SECOND READING, passed and approved on the 10th day of February, 2026, by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.



JIM R. ROSS, Mayor

ATTEST:



ALEX BUSKEN, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MOLLY SHORTALL, City Attorney

BY: 
