

Ordinance No. 26-008

An ordinance ordering a Special Election to be held on May 2, 2026, in the City of Arlington for the purpose of submitting to the voters a proposition relating to the reauthorization of a municipal sales and use tax for street maintenance pursuant to Chapter 327 of the Texas Tax Code; prescribing the form of ballots; providing for notices; providing this ordinance be cumulative; providing for severability; providing for governmental immunity and providing for injunctions

WHEREAS, the 84th Texas Legislature amended Section 327.007 of the Texas Tax Code to authorize cities meeting the criteria set forth in subsection 327.007 (a) (2-a) to provide for the expiration of the street maintenance sales tax on the eighth anniversary in a reauthorization election; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington meets the criteria set forth in subsection 327.007 (a) (2-a) of the Texas Tax Code and desires the ballot language in the reauthorization election to reflect that the tax will expire on the eighth anniversary if reauthorized by the voters; NOW THEREFORE

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

1.

That a Special Election be held in the City of Arlington, Texas, on Saturday, the 2nd day of May, 2026, (hereinafter the "Election") for the purpose of submitting to the voters a proposition relating to the reauthorization of a municipal sales and use tax for street maintenance pursuant to Chapter 327 of the Texas Tax Code. The Election shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 2, 2026, which is a uniform election date as defined in the Texas Election Code, as amended (the "Code").

2.

At the election, the following proposition shall be submitted and shall be printed on the ballots to permit voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the proposition:

"The reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Arlington at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. The tax expires on the eighth anniversary of the date of this election unless the imposition of the tax is reauthorized."

3.

Said 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.

4.

This ordinance shall constitute the Order of the Election.

5.

Clint Ludwig, Tarrant County Elections Administrator, or his successor, is hereby appointed as Early Voting Clerk for the Election. 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.

6.

Early voting by personal appearance in the 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.

7.

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.

8.

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.

9.

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.

10.

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.

11.

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.

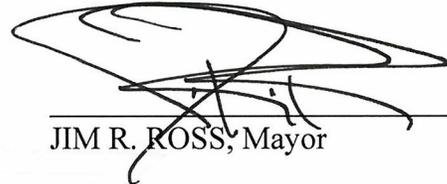
12.

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.

13.

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: _____