

ORDINANCE 2026-05

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 2, 2026, FOR THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE MAYOR AND TWO (2) CITY COUNCILMEMBERS TO CITY COUNCIL; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCTING SUCH AN ELECTION AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTION.

The City of Fredericksburg is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code (the "Code") specifies that the first Saturday in May shall be a "uniform election date" and that a general election of a city may be held on such day; and

State law and the Charter of the City of Fredericksburg require that the General Election be held; and

The Mayor and Two (2) City Councilmembers elected shall serve a term of two years, with their terms ending in May 2028, or when their successors are duly elected and qualified, and

The candidates who receive the greatest number of votes cast for the office of Mayor and the greatest number and second greatest number of votes cast for the office of City Councilmember (2) shall be declared elected; and

By this Ordinance, it is the intention of the City Council to officially call the general election and establish the election procedures for that election.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1

General Election Called. A General Election is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, at which time the following One position for Mayor, and Two positions for Councilmember will be elected:

Mayor, seat currently occupied by Jeryl Hoover.
Councilmember, seat currently occupied by Emily Kirchner.
Councilmember, seat currently occupied by Tony Klein.

Election Day Polling Place and Voting for the General Election will be Conducted at:
Gillespie County Precinct 1 through County Precinct 4
(Combined into One City Precinct)
95 Frederick Road
(to Co-Locate with the FISD Election)
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

SECTION 2

Early Voting.

- a) The City Council appoints Jim Riley, Gillespie County Elections Administrator, as the Early Voting Clerk for the City’s General Election. Mr. Riley will appoint Deputy Early Voting Clerks for the General Election as needed in conjunction with Leticia Vacek.
- b) Early Voting by Personal Appearance will be Conducted at:

Gillespie County Elections Office
95 Frederick Road
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

Monday	April	20th	8:00 am	to	5:00 pm
Tuesday	April	21st	8:00 am	to	5:00 pm
Wednesday	April	22nd	8:00 am	to	5:00 pm
Thursday	April	23rd	8:00 am	to	5:00 pm
Friday	April	24th	8:00 am	to	5:00 pm
XXXXXX	April	25th	XXXXXX	XX	XXXXXX
XXXXXX	April	26 th	XXXXXX	XX	XXXXXX
Monday	April	27 th	7:00am	to	7:00 pm
Tuesday	April	28 th	7:00 am	to	7:00 pm

- c) Applications for a Ballot by Mail shall be mailed to:

c/o Early Voting Clerk – General Election
Elections Office
95 Frederick Rd
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624
elections@gillespiecounty.org
(830) 997-6518

Regardless of the method for delivery, all Applications for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) including Federal Post Card Applications (PPCA) must be received no later than 5:00 pm on April 20, 2026.

SECTION 3

Application for a Place on the Ballot. Any eligible and qualified person shall have their name printed upon the official ballot as a candidate for the offices herein set forth by filing their sworn application with the City Secretary not earlier than January 14, 2026, and not later than 5:00 pm on February 13, 2026. The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing held on February 20, 2026 at 10:00 am by the City Secretary. Notice of the time and place for the drawing shall be given in accordance with the Code.

SECTION 4

Appointment of Election Judges and Alternate Election Judges.

The Presiding Election Judges and Alternate Presiding Judges will be assigned jointly by the Elections Administrator and the City Secretary for Early Voting, Election Day, and on the Early Voting Ballot Board:

The Presiding Election Judges and Alternate Presiding Judges shall be qualified voters of the City. The Elections Administrator shall, in accordance with Section 32.009 of the Election Code, deliver to the Presiding Election Judges and the Alternate Presiding Judges notice of their appointments not later than March 20, 2026. In the case of a cancellation, the City Secretary is hereby authorized to make emergency appointments to carry out all necessary acts and requirements as delegated to such office by the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 5

Appointment of Clerks. The Presiding Election Judges and Alternate Judges are hereby appointed to the Early Voting Polling Location, the Election Day Location, and to the Early Voting Ballot Board. The Judge over each location may appoint a minimum of three (3) Election Clerks and as many additional Clerks necessary for the proper conduct of the election. The Judge shall make a reasonable effort to appoint at least one (1) bilingual election clerk.

SECTION 6

Compensation and Training of Judges and Clerks.

The Elections Administrator and City Secretary are hereby authorized to pay up to the following hourly rates:

Presiding Election Judge	\$16.00
Alternate Presiding Judge	\$15.00
Election Clerks	\$14.00

The Elections Administrator and City Secretary will provide Election Training or require all Election Workers to take the appropriate Secretary of State Online training for their duties.

SECTION 7

Method of Voting. The Elections Administrator and City Secretary are authorized to provide and furnish all necessary supplies to conduct the general election, in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Voting in the election shall be by Poll Pads with a required ADA Voting Machine.

SECTION 8

Delivery of Returns. In accordance with the Election Code, immediately after the closing of the polls on the day of the election, the Election Judges named shall make and deliver the returns of the election in accordance with the Election Code. All election records and supplies shall be preserved by the Elections Administrator and the City Secretary in accordance with the Election Code.

SECTION 9

Governing Law and Qualified Voters. The election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Election Code, and all resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at this election.

SECTION 10

Publication and Posting of Notice of Election. The City Secretary shall publish and post the Notice of Election stating in substance the contents of this Ordinance as required by Chapter 4 of the Election Code and posted at City Hall and on the City's Website. Said Ordinance shall not be codified in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fredericksburg.

SECTION 11

Necessary Actions. The Mayor and City Secretary of the City, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action necessary to comply with provisions of the Texas Election Code or state and federal statutes and constitutions in carrying out the conduct of the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

SECTION 12

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

SECTION 13

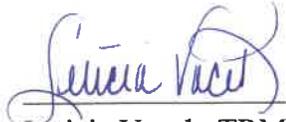
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective following its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 3rd day of February 2026.



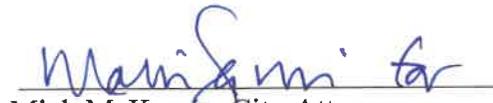
Jerry Hoover, Mayor

ATTEST:



Leticia Vacek, TRMC/CMC/MMC
City Secretary/RMO

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Mick McKamie, City Attorney