

CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD JOINTLY WITH THE ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (RISD), THE ROCKWALL CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT (RCAD), AND ALL OTHER ENTITIES WITHIN ROCKWALL COUNTY THAT WILL BE HOLDING A GENERAL ELECTION; ESTABLISHING THAT SAID ELECTION WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE ROCKWALL COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS - ONE (1) FOR PLACE 2, ONE (1) FOR PLACE 4, AND ONE (1) FOR PLACE 6 - EACH FOR TWO (2) YEAR TERMS; DESIGNATING THE ENTIRE CITY AS ONE ELECTION PRECINCT; DESIGNATING EARLY VOTING DATES AND TIMES; RECOGNIZING THE FILING DEADLINE: ORDERING A NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE POSTED AND PUBLISHED, AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN CONNECTION WITH SAID ELECTION; AUTHORIZING ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE IN CARRYING OUT AND CONDUCTING THE GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code, as amended (the "Code") specifies that each general or special election in this state shall be held on the first Saturday in May in an even-numbered year and that a general election of a city may be held on such day; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rockwall, Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), in accordance with its Home Rule City Charter, Section 5.01, has determined that the City shall annually conduct general municipal elections on the first Saturday in May; and

WHEREAS, Section 271.002(a) of the Texas Election Code authorizes two or more political subdivisions to enter into an agreement to hold elections jointly in the election precincts that can be served by common polling places; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockwall, the Rockwall Independent School District, and the Rockwall Central Appraisal District desire that a joint election be held in order to provide a convenient, simple, and cost-saving election to the voters in their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockwall and Rockwall County Elections Administrator will enter into an agreement setting out their respective duties and responsibilities for the May 2, 2026 election; and

WHEREAS, by this resolution, it is the intention of the Rockwall City Council to: (i) call for said election to be held on said date, (ii) designate the entire City as one election precinct, (iii) designate the Rockwall County Courthouse Annex ("multipurpose room"), located at 1101 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 160, Rockwall, Texas 75087 as the *main* polling place for the election and (iv) establish and set forth procedures for conducting said election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. That all of the above recitals are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

Section 2. Election Date, Purpose of Election, Officers and Terms of Office. That a General Election is hereby ordered to be held in and throughout the City of Rockwall on Saturday, May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing three (3) City Council Members - one (1) for Place 2, one (1) for Place 4, and one (1) for Place 6 - each for two (2) year terms.

Section 3. Eligibility for Candidacy. That eligible candidates must meet eligibility requirements within Chapter 141, Subchapter A of the Election Code as well the following, as prescribed by Section 5.02 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Rockwall, Texas:

- (1) Candidates for City offices must file for office in accordance with the Texas Election Code.
- (2) Candidates for elective City office must meet the following qualifications:
 - (a) Must be at least twenty-one years of age at the time of the election for which they are filing.
 - (b) Must be a qualified voter.
 - (c) Must have resided within the corporate limits of the City, or recently annexed territory, for at least twelve months prior to the filing deadline.
 - (d) Must not, after notice of any delinquency, be in arrears in payment of taxes or other liabilities due the City.
 - (e) No candidate may file in a single election for more than one office or position.

In addition, in accordance with Section 5.04 of the City Charter, a plurality vote is required to be elected and declared the winner.

Section 4. Application for a Place on the Ballot. That in accordance with Section 143.007 of the Election Code, any eligible and qualified person may have his/her name printed upon the official ballot as a candidate for the offices herein before set forth by filing his/her sworn application with the City Secretary not earlier than 8:00 a.m., January 14, 2026 and not later than 5:00 p.m., February 13, 2026. Each such application shall be on a form as prescribed by Section 141.031 of the Code. 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 Code. Notice of the time and place for such drawing shall be given in accordance with the Code.

Section 5. Election Precinct, Polling Place, and Election Hours. That the entire City of Rockwall, Texas shall constitute one (1) election precinct for the city's general election, and the *main* election day polling place is hereby designated to be located at the Rockwall County Courthouse Annex ("multipurpose room"), located at 1101 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 160, Rockwall, Texas 75087. In accordance with and pursuant to the requirements of the Code, said polling place shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the date of the election (Saturday, May 2, 2026).

Section 6. Early Voting. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, will be conducted by the Rockwall County Election Administrator, who is designated and appointed as the Early Voting Clerk, in accordance with the *Tex. Elec. Code*. The main / primary voting location for early voting by personal appearance is hereby designated to be located at the Rockwall County Courthouse Annex ("multipurpose room"), located at 1101 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 160, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Rockwall city voters may also early vote at any other location designated by the

Rockwall County Elections Office, the information of which shall be provided on the County Elections website at www.rockwallvotes.com.

Monday, April 20 - 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21 – NO VOTING (San Jacinto Day)

Wednesday through Friday, April 22 – April 24, 2026 - 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 27 and Tuesday, April 28, 2026 - 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be requested from and mailed to the Rockwall County Elections Office - 1101 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 150, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Monday, April 20, 2026.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be requested from and mailed to the Rockwall County Elections Office - 1101 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 150, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Monday, April 20, 2026. Federal Postcard Applications (FPCA) shall also be requested from and mailed to the aforementioned.

Applications may be obtained by contacting the Rockwall County Elections Department by phone at (972) 204-6200 or by e-mail at elections@rockwallcountytexas.com. The Early Voting Clerk's website is: www.rockwallvotes.com.

Section 7. Method of Voting. That Rockwall County Elections owns and utilizes an electronic voting system - the Election System and Software (ES&S) EVS 6.0.2.0 Voting System - which includes the DS200 precinct scanner, the DS450 central scanner and the ExpressVote ballot marking device, and said system has been duly approved by the Secretary of State, pursuant to Texas Election Code Chapter 122 as amended, and is compliant with the accessibility requirements for persons with disabilities set forth by Texas Election Code Section 61.012;

The City of Rockwall acknowledges the use of said voting system by the Rockwall County Elections Administrator on behalf of the City, as described above, in connection with the joint general election described herein and in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 31 and 271 of the Texas Election Code, as amended.

Section 8. Governing Law and Qualified Voters. That the general election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Code, and all resident, qualified electors of the city shall be eligible to vote at the election.

Section 9. Publication and Posting of the Notice. That notice of the general election, in both English and Spanish, shall be given by posting a "Notice of Election" on the city's website (<http://www.rockwall.com/citysec.asp>) and at Rockwall City Hall on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council. Said notice shall be posted not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date upon which the election is to be held, and by publication of said notice at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 2051.44 of the Texas Government Code, the date of said publication being not less than ten (10) days and not more than thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the election.

Section 10. That the Rockwall County Elections Administrator shall serve as both the Early Voting Clerk and as the official administrator of the election to be held on May 2, 2026. The County

Elections Administrator shall appoint a sufficient number of judges and clerks, in accordance with Chapter 32 Texas Elections Code, to assist in the proper conduct of the election.

Section 11. Delivery of Returns: Preservation of Election Records. That in accordance with the City's joint contract with the Rockwall County Elections Administrator, the returns of said election shall be made in accordance with the Code. All election records and supplies shall be preserved by the County, on behalf of the City of Rockwall, in accordance with the Code.

Section 12. Representatives. That the following slate of officials and other designated persons are hereby authorized, but not required, to be present to observe the election counting process:

- the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Rockwall;
- candidates for the City Council of the City of Rockwall; and
- the Rockwall City Secretary and/or her designated representative.


Section 13. Canvassing of Returns. That the City Council of the City shall convene between May 5, 2026 to May 13, 2026 to canvass the returns of the election in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

Section 14. Necessary Action. That the Mayor and the City Secretary of the City, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 15. Severability. That should any part, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase contained in this resolution be held to be unconstitutional or of no force and effect, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution, but in all respects said remaining portion shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 16. Effective Date. That this resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its passage, and it is accordingly so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, THIS 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.



Tim McCallum, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristy Teague, City Secretary

