

ORDINANCE No. 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARDWELL, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AT-LARGE AND ONE (2) CITY COUNCILMEMBER AT-LARGE; DESIGNATING LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE; ORDERING NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ELECTION; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARDWELL, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. A General Election is hereby ordered for May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing a Mayor At-large and one (2) City Councilmembers At-Large, each such term being for a period of two (2) years. The filing period for the General Election shall begin on January 13, 2025, and ends on February 14, 2025, at 5 p.m. in accordance with State Law.

Section 2. Pursuant to the Joint Election Agreement, the Elections Administrator of Ellis County shall serve as Elections Administrator for the election. Presiding Election Judges and Alternate Presiding Election Judges appointed to serve the authorized polling places and the early voting clerk and deputy early voting clerks shall be those election officials furnished by the Elections Administrator from the list of proposed election judges as required in the Elections Services Contract. The Mayor and City Secretary are hereby authorized to execute an Elections Services Contract with the Ellis County Elections Department for the General Election on May 3, 2025. The City Secretary shall have further authority to approve any minor modifications as may be necessary in the best interest of the City. A voting system or systems meeting the standards and requirements of the Texas Election Code, as amended, is hereby adopted and approved for early voting by personal appearance and by mail and for election day voting.

Section 3. Notice of the General Election shall be posted on the bulletin board used to post notice of the City Council meetings and be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. That said Notice must be published at least once, not earlier than the 30th day nor later than the 10th day, before Election Day as provided in Section 4.003(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code. A copy of the published Notice that contains the name of the newspaper and the date of publication shall be retained as a record of such notice, and the person posting the Notice shall make a record of the time of posting, starting date, and the place of posting.

Section 4. The entire City shall constitute one election precinct for this election and the locations listed and described in the Contract are hereby designated the polling place. The election officers and maximum number of clerks for said polling place shall be determined and appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Early voting by personal appearance shall also be conducted at locations as listed in the Contract. City of Bardwell voters may vote at any of the additional Early Voting locations open under full contract services with the Ellis County Elections Administration. If the election services contract with the Ellis County Elections Administrator revises the polling places listed previously, the City will utilize the polling places designated in said Election Services Contract, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be received and processed by the Ellis County Elections Administrator, located at 207 South N Sonoma Trail, Ennis Ellis, Texas 75119. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 22th, 2025.

Early voting for the General Election shall begin on Tuesday, April 22th, 2025, and ends Tuesday, April 29th, 2025, and the dates and hours designated for early voting by personal appearance at the early voting locations shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

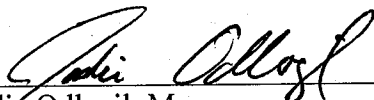
For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the election officers for the early voting ballot board for this election shall be appointed and designated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

Section 5. The City Secretary shall present the General Election returns to the City Council at a Council meeting for the canvassing of said election in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The candidates for a Mayor and ~~two (2)~~ Councilmember At-Large who receive a majority of valid votes by qualified voters at the election shall be declared elected. In the event no candidate receives a majority of all the votes cast for all the candidates for office, a runoff election shall be ordered by the City Council in accordance with State law.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARDWELL, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

APPROVED:



Jodie Odlozil, Mayor

ATTEST:



Debbie Strunc, City Secretary