

ORDINANCE #O-2026-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUN BARREL CITY, TEXAS, CALLING THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE ELECTION OF A MAYOR AND TWO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THREE-YEAR TERMS EACH FOR MAY 2, 2026; AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SUCH GENERAL ELECTION.

Whereas, the general election for the election of a mayor and two city council members to three-year terms each is to be held on the uniform election date in May of each year; and

Whereas, the Texas Election Code is applicable to said election, and in order to comply with said Code, an Ordinance should be passed calling the election, establishing the procedures to be followed in said election, and designating the voting places for said election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUN BARREL CITY, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. General Election Ordered. The general election for the election of a mayor and two city council members to three-year terms each shall be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, to fill the office of Mayor (At-Large), Council Place 2 (East) and Council Place 4 (West) of the City Council of the City of Gun Barrel City, Texas.

Section 2. Filing Period. Candidates to fill the offices may file their application beginning at 8:00 a.m. January 14, 2026, and shall file their applications no later than 5:00 p.m. February 13, 2026. All candidates for the offices to be filled in the election to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 shall file their application to become candidates with the City Secretary of the City at City Hall, 1716 West Main, Gun Barrel City, Texas, on any weekday that is not a City holiday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and all of said applications shall be on a form as prescribed by the Election Code of the State of Texas.

Section 3. Drawing. The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing conducted by the City Secretary as provided by the Election Code. Such drawing will be held at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall on Monday, February 23, 2026.

Section 4. Election Precincts and Polling Places. There shall be two election precincts for the elections. The election precincts and the polling place for each such election precinct shall be as follows:

(a) Election Precinct Number 1 shall be the election precinct for the election of Council Place 4 and such election precinct shall contain all that geographic area of the city lying and being situated west of Prairie Creek. The following location is hereby designated as the polling place for Election Precinct Number 1: City Hall, 1716 West Main, Gun Barrel City, Texas.

(b) Election Precinct Number 2 shall be the election precinct for the election of Council Place 2 and such election precinct shall contain all that geographic area of the city lying and being situated east of Prairie Creek. The following location is hereby designated as the polling place for Election Precinct Number 2: City Hall, 1716 West Main, Gun Barrel City, Texas.

The polls shall remain open on the day of the election from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 5. Election Judge and Alternate. A Presiding Judge, Alternate Presiding Judge and Clerk may be designated and appointed election officers for the holding of said election at each of the respective Election Precincts.

Each Alternate Presiding Judge shall in the absence of the respective Presiding Judge, perform the duties of the respective Presiding Judge in said election. The Presiding Judge shall appoint qualified voters who are residents of the City to serve as Clerks in said election; the appointment of such clerks is to include the Alternate Presiding Judge, who, if present, shall be appointed and counted as one of the election clerks. The rate of pay for Election Judges and the Clerks shall be set by the **Henderson County Election Administrator's** office.

Section 6. Early Voting. **Henderson County Election Administrator's** office is hereby charged with the duty of conducting early voting in said election as required by law.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at Gun Barrel City Hall beginning Monday, April 20, 2026 – Friday, April 24, 2026, 8:00 am – 5:00 p.m., and Monday, April 27, 2026, through Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 8:00 am – 5:00 p.m. Said location(s) of Early Voting as determined by the **Henderson County Election Administrator** shall remain open for Early Voting for at least six hours each day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official holiday, beginning on the twelfth (12th) day and continuing through the fourth (4th) day preceding the date of such election. As required under Section 85.005(d), Election Code, early voting by personal appearance at the main early voting polling location(s) shall be conducted for at least 12 hours on two weekdays, if the early voting period consists of six or more weekdays; Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Paula Ludtke, Election Administrator, Athens, Texas 75751.

Section 7. Voting System. Said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code §61.012 providing that by January 1, 2006, each polling place must provide at least one accessible voting station that provides a practical and effective means for voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. In addition to the standard paper ballots, the City Council hereby adopts for use in early and Election Day voting the eSlate Electronic Voting System, which uses optical scan ballots, as approved by the Secretary of State to comply with HAVA requirements. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials therefore, and the employment of all election officials is hereby authorized.

Section 8. Ballots. That it is hereby determined that optical scan ballots shall be used in conducting said election, and that said ballots and other election materials as are required by the Texas Election Code, as amended, shall be printed in both the English and Spanish languages. The election for Mayor shall be on the ballots used for both Election Precincts 1 and 2.

Section 9. Notice of Election. That notice of said election shall be given by the Mayor in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

Section 10. General. Said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code, and only resident qualified voters of said City shall be eligible to vote at said election. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct said election. Returns of said election shall be made known as soon as possible after the closing of the polls.

Section 11. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage by a majority vote of the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of January 2026.

Attest:



Janet Dillard, City Secretary

Approved:



Brian Crull, Mayor

