

**ORDINANCE NO. 5433**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS, CALLING A JOINT GENERAL ELECTION, WITH GRAYSON COUNTY ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR PLACE 3, SINGLE MEMBER, DISTRICT 3, AND A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR PLACE 5, AT-LARGE, FOR THREE (3) YEAR TERMS EACH, FOR SAID CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES; PROVIDING FOR DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES, DATE, AND TIME OF SAID ELECTIONS AND VOTING PERIODS; PROVIDING FOR BALLOT APPLICATION PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR DESIGNATING FILING DEADLINES; PROVIDING INFORMATION FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING THAT SUCH ELECTION SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE GRAYSON COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR; PROVIDING INFORMATION FOR CANVASSING; ORDERING NOTICES OF ELECTION TO BE POSTED AND PUBLISHED AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ELECTION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY SECRETARY TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE ELECTION LAWS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS, REPEALING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, as amended (the “Code”) specifies that the first Saturday in May shall be a “Uniform Election Date” for the purposes of conducting a General or Special Election; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.004 of the Code provides that the governing body of a municipality shall be the authority to order a General or Special Election; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.005 of the Code provides that an election ordered by an authority of a municipality shall be ordered not later than the 78<sup>th</sup> day before Election Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 31.092 of the Code provides that the County Election Officer (the “Election Officer”) may contract with the City of Denison, Texas (the “City”) to perform with election services; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.053 of the Code provides that a city council may, in its discretion, declare a candidate elected to office if: (1) the candidate is the only person who has qualified to appear on the ballot for that office, and (2) no write-in candidates have submitted their names to be placed on the list for write-in candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to and hereby call a General Election to be conducted on May 2, 2026, to elect a Council Member for Place 3, Single Member District 3,

and a Council Member for Place 5, at-large, for three (3) year terms, each.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1. Incorporation of Findings.** That all of the above premises are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein. Upon final execution of the contract for election services between the City and Grayson County, Texas (the “Contract”), such Contract shall be incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2. Date, Time, and Purpose of Election.** A General Election (the “Election”) shall be held in and throughout the City, on Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2026 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing the following officers of said City:

COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE 3 (Single Member District 3, Place 3)  
COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE 5 (At Large, Place 5)

**SECTION 3. Term.** As provided in Section 2.01 of the Denison City Charter, as amended on January 19, 1985, the term of office for the Council Members to be elected to Places 3 and 5 shall be for three (3) years.

**SECTION 4. Residency Requirements.** As provided in Section 2.03 of the Denison City Charter, as amended on January 19, 1985, the candidates for Place 3 shall be residents of Single Member District Three and shall be elected by majority vote of voters residing in the respective district. The candidates for Place 5 shall be residents of the City of Denison and shall be elected by a majority vote of the City at-large.

**SECTION 5. Application for a Place on the Ballot.** In accordance with Section 143.007 of the Code, an eligible and qualified person may have his or her name printed upon the official ballot as a candidate for Places 3 and 5 by filing his or her sworn application with the City Clerk no earlier than 8:00 a.m. January 14, 2026, and not later than 5:00 p.m. February 13, 2026. Each such application for Places 3 and 5 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 Clerk 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 6. Polling Place.** This Election will be conducted jointly with Grayson County (the “County”) and will be administered for the City by the Grayson County Elections Administrator (the “Elections Administrator”). The Election shall be held in the Grayson County Sub-Courthouse, 101 West Woodard, Denison, TX, as designated by the Elections Administrator, on the date of May 2, 2026. Election voting locations may be added or removed as determined by the Elections Administrator and shall be incorporated herein without further need to amend this Ordinance. All resident-qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

**SECTION 7. Early Voting.** It is hereby ordered that early voting shall begin on April 20, 2026, and continue through April 28, 2026, with the exception of April 21, 2026, which is San Jacinto Day, a state holiday, at Grayson County Sub-Courthouse, 101 West Woodard Street, Denison, Texas. The dates and times for early voting shall be as follows:

April 20	Monday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
April 21	Tuesday	(No voting – State Holiday, San Jacinto Day)
April 22 – 24	Wednesday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
April 27 – 28	Monday – Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The Elections Administrator shall be the Early Voting Clerk. Early voting locations may be added or removed as determined by the Elections Administrator and shall be incorporated herein without further need to amend this Ordinance.

Requests for ballot by mail applications may be submitted by mail or hand delivery to:

Grayson County Early Voting Clerk  
 115 W. Houston St.  
 Sherman, TX 75090

Applications for ballot by mail may also be requested from and emailed to the Early Voting Clerk at [votegrayson@co.grayson.tx.us](mailto:votegrayson@co.grayson.tx.us). Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than Tuesday, April 20, 2026. Mail-in ballots shall be received and processed in accordance with the dates and procedures provided in the Code.

**SECTION 8. Method of Voting.** Voting at said Election shall be by use of an electronic voting machine. Ballots requested by mail shall be paper ballots that will be tabulated by hand in the manner as required by the Code.

**SECTION 9. Agreement for Election Services.** The Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code and the Texas Constitution under the jurisdiction of the Elections Administrator pursuant to the Contract between the City and the County, and other participating entities, if any, as described therein, a copy of which shall be incorporated herein upon its final approval and execution by the City.

The Mayor, the City Manager, or a designee, is authorized to amend or supplement any and all contracts for the administration of the Election, including without limitation the Contract, to the extent required for the Election to be conducted in an efficient and legal manner as determined by the Elections Administrator and in accordance with the Code. In the event that no election is necessary, the City Secretary shall notify the County and shall present the City Council a resolution or ordinance cancelling the Election.

**SECTION 10. Canvassing of Returns.** Pursuant to Section 67.003 of the Code, the City Council will canvass the election no later than May 13, 2026, but not earlier than the later of: (1) the third day after Election Day; (2) the date on which the early voting ballot board has verified and counted all provisional ballots, if a provisional ballot has been cast in the election; or (3) the date on which all timely received ballots cast from addresses outside of the United States are counted, if a ballot to be voted by mail in the election was provided to a person outside of the United States. Notice of the time and place for canvass shall be posted on the official bulletin board of the City in the same manner as required by the Open Meetings Act for City Council meetings in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Local Government Code.

**SECTION 11. Runoff Election, if Required.** House Bill 357 of the 88<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Texas Legislature amended Section 2.025 of the Code requiring the Texas Secretary of State to set the runoff date for all runoff elections resulting from elections held by local political subdivisions on the May 2, 2026, Uniform Election Date. Should there be a runoff election required, the date of such runoff election shall be in accordance with the date for such runoff election as set by the Secretary of State, which will be called by order of the City Council.

**SECTION 12. Governing Law; Qualified Voters.** The Election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas, the Code, and the Home Rule Charter, and all resident, qualified electors of the City shall be eligible to vote at the election. Election materials shall be printed in both English and Spanish for use at the polling place and for early voting for the Election

**SECTION 13. Notice of Election.** The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of the Election hereby authorized and called in the manner and time as required by the Code.

**SECTION 14. Necessary Actions.** The Mayor, City Council, Election Officer and City staff, 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. Savings/Repealing.** All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent they are in conflict; but such repeal shall not abate any pending prosecution for violation of the repealed ordinance, nor shall the repeal prevent a prosecution from being commenced for any violation if occurring prior to the repeal of the ordinance. Any remaining portions of said ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 16. Severability.** Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

**SECTION 17. Meeting Open to the Public.** It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Article 551.041, Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 18. Engrossment and Enrollment.** The City Clerk of the City is hereby directed to engross and enroll this Ordinance by copying the descriptive caption in the minutes of the City Council and by filing this Ordinance in the records of the City.

**SECTION 19. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS, on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2026.**



ROBERT CRAWLEY, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christine Wallentine, City Clerk

