

ORDINANCE NO. O: 2025-108

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Del Rio, Texas Ordering a Regular Municipal Election to be Held on the 2nd day of May, 2026, for the Purpose of Electing A Mayor, a Councilperson District 1, a Councilperson District 2, and a Councilperson At-Large Place-C; Designating the Places and Manner of Holding the Election; and Providing for the Posting and Publication of Notice; Providing a Savings Clause; and Providing an Effective Date

WHEREAS, the City Charter of the City of Del Rio ("City") provides that the City shall conduct regular biennial elections for the purpose of electing its officeholders; and

WHEREAS, the terms for the Mayor of the City of Del Rio, Councilmember District One, Councilmember District Two, and Councilmember At-Large Place-C are set to expire in May 2026, necessitating the need to call for a General Election in accordance with the City of Del Rio City Charter and Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Del Rio, Texas (the "City Council") is authorized to designate the polling places, manner of conducting the election, and to provide for the posting and publication of notice of said election; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to ensure that the election is conducted in compliance with the Texas Election Code and all other applicable laws, thereby safeguarding the rights of the citizens of Del Rio to freely and fairly elect their municipal representatives; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Election Code and the City of Del Rio City Charter, the City Council declares that a regular election shall be held on the date specified herein for the purpose of electing the officers named herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEL RIO, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. Order

It is hereby ordered that a regular municipal election of the City of Del Rio, Texas, for election of members of the City Council as prescribed by Article III of the City Charter, shall be held between seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and seven o'clock (7:00) p.m. on the 2nd day of May 2026, within the corporate limits of the city, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, a Councilmember District One, a Councilmember District Two, and a Councilmember At-Large Place C.

It is further ordered that a runoff election will be held, if necessary, on June 13, 2026, that being the second Saturday in June 2026, between seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and seven o'clock (7:00) p.m., all such arrangements for which are authorized by the adoption of this ordinance.

Section 2. Polling Places

The polling places on Election Day will be shared with other entities holding elections on the same day. Polling places anticipated to meet the needs of all entities include the Del Rio Civic Center, Jose Ramos Facility, Tony Faz County Annex Bldg., North Side Baptist Church, and Comstock Community Center.

Section 4. Appointment of Election Judges

The appointment of Election Judges will be designated by the Val Verde County Clerk as stipulated in the Election Services Agreement. These appointments shall be for the single elections specified herein, and such individuals shall serve in the following, respectively, identified positions:

Section 5. Election Workers

There will be at least three (3) election workers at each Election Day polling location; the presiding judge, an alternate judge, and at least one election clerk appointed by the presiding judge. The number of necessary clerks is derived from the number of elections at the poll and the number of registered voters for that poll. A judge who delivers the returns of the election and performs such other services as provided in Section 32.092 of the Texas Election Code shall also receive an additional one-time sum as established under the Election Services Contract.

Section 6. Early Voting

Voting Period - Polling Places. The early voting period shall commence on Monday, April 20, 2026, and shall end on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Early voting by personal appearance at the main early polling place shall be conducted on weekdays of the early voting period and during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in compliance with the Election Code; additional early voting will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The location of the main early polling place shall be the Del Rio Civic Center, located at 1915 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio, Texas.

Section 7. Run-off Election Date

A run-off election, if required, shall be held in and throughout the corporate limits of the City of Del Rio, Texas. The Secretary of State has designated Saturday, June 13th, 2026, as the election date for all runoff elections resulting from elections held by local political subdivisions on the May 2, 2026, Uniform Election Date.

Section 8. Recitals

The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as part of the judgment and finding of the City Council.

Section 9. Repeal

All Ordinances, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 10. Controlling Law

This Ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

Section 11. Severability

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

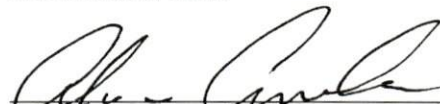
Section 12. Open Meeting

It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

Section 13. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after its final passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 16th day of December 2025



ALVARO ARREOLA
Mayor

ATTEST:



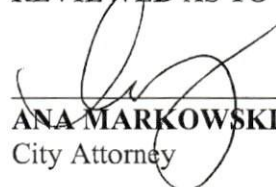
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