

ORDINANCE NO. O: 2026-023

An Ordinance in Accordance with the Del Rio City Charter and State Law Ordering and Establishing a Date for Holding and Conducting a Runoff Election in and Throughout the City of Del Rio for the Purpose of Electing Person to Hold the Office of Mayor; 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 of Del Rio held the regular biennial election on May 2, 2026 for the purpose of electing its officeholders.

WHEREAS, said election was duly called and conducted on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing persons to hold the office of A Mayor, a Councilperson District 1, a Councilperson District 2, and a Councilperson At-Large Place-C but no person received a majority of votes cast in the office of Mayor as is required by City Charter; and

WHEREAS, on May 11th, 2026, the City of Del Rio conducted the canvass of this election in accordance with state election law; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to House Bill 357 (88th Leg., R.S., 2023), the Secretary of State designated Saturday, June 13, 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; and

WHEREAS Pursuant to the Election Code, the Texas Secretary of State Administrative Rule stipulates Monday June 1, 2026 – Tuesday, June 9, 2026 (30th day after election day, 12th day before runoff election day) as the time period for which a Runoff Election Early Voting must be held after the May 2026 uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, the newly adopted state regulation supersedes and takes precedence over any conflicting local provision; and

WHEREAS, a Runoff Election is required for the purpose of electing the person to said office from amongst the candidates in said General Election who received the highest and next highest number of votes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Election Code and the City Charter, the City Council must order a Runoff Election that shall be held on the date specified herein for the purpose of electing the officer named herein.

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

1. The City Council of the City of Del Rio hereby adopts as affirmative findings the forgoing recitals set for above.
2. Accordingly, the City Council issues the follow orders:

Section 1. Order

It is hereby ordered that a runoff election shall be held in and throughout the corporate limits of the City of Del Rio, Texas on Saturday, June 13th, 2026 for the purpose of electing the **Officer of Mayor.** Efrain V. Valdez and Alvaro “Al” Arreola are the candidates who received the highest and next to the highest votes in the General Election, which was conducted on May 2, 2026, and are hereby declared to be the only eligible candidates whose names shall be printed on the official ballot for the Runoff Election herein called for the position of Mayor.

Section 2. Election Precincts

The following Municipal Election Precincts for the aforesaid Runoff Election are hereby designated as follows:

- a. Election Polling Location No. 1 shall comprise that territory situated in the City of Del Rio and included in Val Verde County Election Precincts 10B, 30B and 40.
- b. Election Polling Location No. 2 shall comprise that territory situated in the City of Del Rio and included in Val Verde County Election Precincts 22A, 30A and 31.
- c. Election Polling Location No. 3 shall comprise that territory situated in the City of Del Rio and included in Val Verde County Election Precincts 10A, 11, 12, 21 and 22B.

Section 3. Time and Polling Places

The polls in the aforesaid election herein called shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The election day polling places are hereby designated as follows:

- a. Joe Ramos Facility
- b. Del Rio Civic Center Conference Room
- c. City Hall (rear)

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 Officers

The maximum number of election clerks for Polling Location No. 1 is hereby established as seven (7), the maximum number of election clerks for Polling Location 2 is hereby established as seven (7), the maximum number of election clerks for Polling Location 3 is hereby established as seven (7), and the maximum number of election clerks for the Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby established as six (6). Each Judge and clerk shall be compensated at the rate established under the Election Services Contract. 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

- a. Voting Period - Polling Places. The early voting period shall be commenced at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1st, 2026, and shall end at 5:00 p.m. on June 9th, 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.
- b. The location of the main early polling place shall be the Council Chambers at City Hall, 109 W. Broadway (Rear), Del Rio, Texas.
- c. Early Voting Clerk: Teresa Esther Chapoy
P.O. Box 1267
Del Rio, Texas, 78841-1267 Ph.:830-774-7564
Email: tchapoy@valverdecounty.texas.gov
Website: <https://www.valverdecountny.texas.gov/270/Elections>

Section 7. Notice of City Election and Order of Election

The Mayor of the City of Del Rio, Texas is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of the Runoff Election ordered herein to be given in accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section 40 of the Del Rio City Charter and the Texas Election Code. The Notice of Runoff Election shall be published in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. Further, the Mayor of the City of Del Rio is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Order of Election for Municipalities as prescribed by the Texas Election Code.

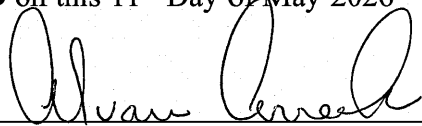
Section 8. Direct Recording Electronic Voting Machines

A direct recording electronic voting machine shall be used for voting at each of the foregoing election precincts as mandated by the Texas Election Code and the Help America Vote Act which requires that at least one voting system be equipped for individual with disabilities at each polling place so that individuals can vote independently and privately.

Section 9. Effective Date

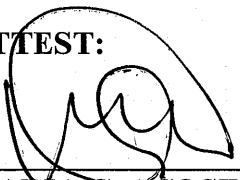
This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after its final passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 11th Day of May 2026



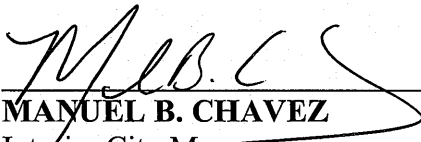
ALVARO ARREOLA
Mayor

ATTEST:



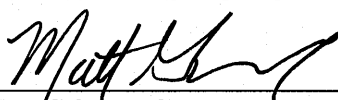
MARIA C. ACOSTA
City Secretary

REVIEWED FOR ADMINISTRATION:



MANUEL B. CHAVEZ
Interim City Manager

REVIEWED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



DNRBS&Z, PC
Interim City Attorney