

RESOLUTION NO. R2024-0001

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2026, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THAT ELECTION, AUTHORIZING THE METHOD OF VOTING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, state law has established the 1st Saturday in May as the date for general municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, by this Resolution, it is the intention of the City Council to call the general election, designate a polling place for this election, to appoint the necessary election officers and to establish and set forth procedures for conducting the election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1.

Election Order. A general election shall be held in the City of Alvarado, Texas, on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at which the following officials will be elected for three (3) year terms ending in May 2029:

City Council Member, Ward 2, Place 5
City Council Member, Ward 3, Place 6

Section 2.

Polling Place. The polling place for the General Election shall be as follows:

City of Alvarado Public Library
210 N. Baugh Street
Alvarado, Texas, 76009

The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on May 2, 2026, in accordance with and pursuant to the requirements of the Texas Election Code (the "Code").

Section 3.

Filing Dates. In accordance with the Code, eligible persons wishing to become candidates shall file an application for a place on the ballot with the City Secretary of the City of Alvarado, 104 West College, Alvarado, Texas, 76009, and may do so beginning at 8:00 a.m., January 14, 2026, and continue through February 13, 2025, until 5:00 p.m. Each application shall be on a form meeting the requirements of Section 141.031 of the Code.

Section 4.

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Appointment of Election Judge and Alternative Election Judge. Qualified persons shall be appointed to serve as presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge for this election pursuant to the Code.

The City Secretary shall, in accordance with Section 32.009 of the Election Code, deliver to the Presiding Election Judge and the Alternate Presiding Judges notice of their appointments not later than twenty (20) days from the effective date of the appointment.

Section 5.

Appointment of Clerks. The Presiding Election Judge for the polling place shall appoint Election Clerks and as many additional Clerks as are necessary for the proper conduct of the election. Provided, however, three (3) clerks shall be the maximum number of Clerks which may be appointed to serve at the polling place. The Judge shall make a reasonable effort to appoint at least one (1) bilingual election clerk.

Section 6.

Method of Voting. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct the General Election, in accordance with this resolution. Paper ballots shall be used for early voting in person, by mail and for voting on election day. The ES&S AutoMARK Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) Voting System shall be used for early voting by personal appearance and for voting by personal appearance on election day. The City Council hereby adopts for use in early voting and on election day voting the ES&S AutoMARK Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) Voting System as approved by the Secretary of State. The ES&S AutoMARK will be leased from Johnson County. The City Manager is authorized to approve this lease. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of this election, the purchase of materials therefore, and the employment of all election officials is hereby authorized, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Code.

Section 7.

Governing Law and Qualified Voters. The election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas, the Code and the Charter of the City of Alvarado. All resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at this election.

Section 8.

Publication and Posting of Notice of Election. Notice of the election shall be given as required by Chapter 4 of the Code, and the Charter of the City of Alvarado.

Section 9.

Early Voting. The City Secretary, City of Alvarado, 104 West College, Alvarado, Texas, 76009, is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk and she may appoint the necessary deputy clerks as required for early voting. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday or Sunday, or an official State or Federal Holiday, beginning on April 20, 2026 and continuing through April 28, 2026,

Early Voting by personal appearance shall be at the Alvarado Public Library, 210 N. Baugh Street, Alvarado, Texas, 76009. Applications for early voting by mail shall be delivered in person or by mail to the City Secretary at 104 West College, Alvarado, Texas, 76009, not earlier than Monday, January 1, 2026, and not later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 20, 2026.

Section 10.

Delivery of Returns. In accordance with the Election Code, immediately after the closing of the polls on the day of the election, the election officers named in this resolution shall make and deliver the returns of the election in triplicate as follows: one copy shall be retained by the Presiding Election Judge; one copy shall be delivered to the Mayor of the City; and one copy of the returns, together with the ballot boxes and all election supplies, shall be delivered to the City Secretary. All election records and supplies shall be preserved by the City Secretary in accordance with the Election Code.

Section 11.

Necessary Actions. The Mayor and the City Secretary of the City, 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 12.

Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of January 2026.

CITY OF ALVARADO

By:

Jacob Wheat, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bobbie Jo Taylor, City Secretary

