

**ORDINANCE NO.7646**

**AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS TO BE HELD ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING COUNCILMEMBERS TO DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A DATE FOR A RUN-OFF ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR A PROCESS TO DETERMINE POSITION OF NAMES ON BALLOTS; PROVIDING FOR LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY SECRETARY TO ENTER INTO ELECTION AGREEMENTS WITH DALLAS COUNTY AND COLLIN COUNTY ELECTION DEPARTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE, PUBLICATION, AND POSTING OF THIS ORDER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS:**

**Section 1**

**ELECTION ORDER FOR JOINT ELECTION AND NOTICE OF ELECTION**

There is hereby ordered a general election to be participated in by the qualified voters of the City of Garland, Texas, to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing one Councilmember each to respectively represent Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5.

Candidates for Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5 must reside in the respective District which that candidate intends to represent. Every qualified voter within Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5 respectively may cast one vote for a candidate for the respective district within which such voter resides.

The candidate for each respective office who shall receive a majority of all votes cast for the office for which that person is a candidate shall be declared elected.

**Section 2**

**JOINT ELECTION AND ELECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT**

The election shall be held as a joint election pursuant to a joint election agreement by and between the City of Garland, Dallas County, Collin County, and such other political subdivisions as may be participating in the joint election. Pursuant to the joint election agreement, the Dallas County and Collin County Election

Administrators shall serve as election administrators for the election for their respective counties and shall appoint such election officials as may be required by law, according to the terms of the law and the joint election agreement. For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the election officers for the early voting ballot board for this election shall be appointed and designated in accordance with the provisions of the joint election agreement between the City and their County.

The Central Counting Stations for the tabulation and counting of ballots for this election shall be located at the following locations:

For Garland residents residing in Dallas County:

Dallas County Elections Administration Office  
1520 Round Table Dr.  
Dallas, Texas 75247

For Garland residents residing in Collin County:

Collin County Elections Office  
2010 Redbud Blvd.  
Suite 102  
McKinney, Texas 75069

The Manager, Tabulation Supervisor, Presiding Judge, and Alternate Presiding Judge at such Central Counting Stations shall be determined, appointed, and designated in accordance with the joint election agreements. The Manager and Presiding Judge of such Central Counting Stations may appoint clerks to serve at such Central Counting Station, as provided by Texas Election Code, Section 127.006, as amended.

The voting system or systems meeting the standards and requirements of the Texas Election Code, as amended, is hereby adopted and approved for early voting by a personal appearance or by mail, and for election day voting.

**Section 3**  
**RUN-OFF ELECTION**

In the event any candidate fails to receive a majority of all votes cast for the office for which that person is a candidate, a run-off election shall be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of resolving the

run-off for each office for which a candidate did not receive a majority of all votes cast at the general election.

**Section 4**  
**POSITIONS OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES ON BALLOTS**

The positions of the names of the candidates for the general election, and if necessary for the run-off election, shall be determined by lot in an open meeting to be held in the Council Chambers located at Garland City Hall. The City Secretary shall notify each candidate of the time of the meeting to draw lots and shall preside at the drawing.

**Section 5**  
**ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES**

The election precincts and the polling places for the election shall be those established by the Dallas County Elections Administrator, for Dallas County residents, and by the Collin County Elections Administrator, for Collin County residents, by virtue of the joint election agreements.

Residents may use the below websites to locate the polling places and obtain other election information.

All Garland residents  
<https://www.garlandtx.gov/256/Elections>

For Garland residents residing within Dallas County  
<https://www.dallascountyvotes.org/>

For Garland residents residing within Collin County  
<https://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx>

**Section 6**  
**EARLY VOTING**

For Garland residents residing within Dallas County, the main early voting place is the **Dallas County Elections Training/Warehouse, 1460 Round Table Dr. Dallas, Texas 75247**, or such other location as may be authorized and established by the Dallas County Elections

Administrator.

For Garland residents residing within Collin County, the main early voting place is **Collin County Elections Office, 2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102, McKinney, Texas 75069**, or such other location as may be authorized and established by the Collin County Elections Administrator.

For all Garland residents, early voting by personal appearance within the City of Garland may be conducted locally at any location as may be authorized and established by the Dallas County and Collin County Elections Administrators.

An application for a ballot by mail or information about how to get an application for a ballot by mail, may be obtained by contacting the voting clerk of the resident's county. The official mailing address and other contact information for each county's clerk are listed here.

For Garland Residents residing within Dallas County:

By writing:

Paul Adams - Early Voting Clerk  
Dallas County Elections Department  
1520 Round Table Dr.  
Dallas, Texas 75247

By email: [evapplications@dallascounty.org](mailto:evapplications@dallascounty.org)

By telephone: 214-819-6359

By fax: 214-819-6303

For Garland Residents residing within Collin County:

By writing:

Elections Office  
Collin County Early Voting Clerk  
2010 Redbud Blvd.  
Suite 102  
McKinney, Texas 75069

By email: [absenteemailballoting@collincountytexas.gov](mailto:absenteemailballoting@collincountytexas.gov)

By telephone: 972-547-1990

By fax: 972-547-1996

***Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than 5:00***

*p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026.*

**Early Voting for the General Election:**

Early voting by personal appearance for the general election as ordered by Section 1, above, shall be conducted on the following days:

Monday, April 20, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21, 2026, no voting due to San Jacinto Day Holiday.

Wednesday, April 22, 2026, through Friday, April 24, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 25, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Collin County).

Sunday, April 26, 2026, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (not available within Collin County).

Monday, April 27, 2026 through Tuesday, April 28, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Early Voting for a Run-off Election:**

Early voting by personal appearance for the run-off election, if a run-off election is necessary, shall be conducted on the following days:

Monday, June 1, 2026, through Friday, June 5, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 6, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Collin County).

Sunday, June 7, 2026, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (not available within Collin County).

Monday, June 8, 2026, through Tuesday, June 9, 2026,

between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Section 7**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION; PUBLICATION AND POSTING**

This election order shall constitute a notice of election and this notice shall be:

(1) published at least once, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before the general election day, which publication shall include a complete listing of all polling places; and

(2) posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council, which copy shall also include a complete listing of all polling places, not later than the 21st day before the general election.

**Section 8**

**CANVASS**

The City Secretary shall present the election returns to the City Council at a City Council meeting for the canvassing of said election in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

**Section 9**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY SECRETARY TO ENTER INTO ELECTION AGREEMENTS**

This City Manager and the City Secretary are authorized to execute an agreement for an Election with the Dallas County and Collin County Election Departments and other entities that will provide for all election appointments, early voting by mail, the voting locations within the City of Garland, payments for election officials, and necessary election arrangements.

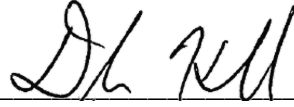
**Section 10**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

That this Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and approval.

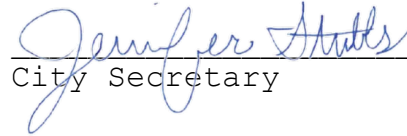
**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

**CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS**



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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Secretary

**POSTED:** 2-4-2026

