

ORDINANCE NO. 7648

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL HOME-RULE ELECTION IN THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS, TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS, FOR ADOPTION OR REJECTION, A NONBINDING PROPOSITION REGARDING THE PROVISION OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES BY A FEE WITHIN THE CITY UTILITY BILL; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE ELECTION HEREIN ORDERED; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY SECRETARY TO ENTER INTO ELECTION AGREEMENTS WITH DALLAS AND COLLIN COUNTY ELECTION DEPARTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE; PROVIDING FOR DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garland, Texas, in the exercise of the discretion reposed in it by the Constitution and laws of this State has determined to submit the following nonbinding proposition to the voters of the City of Garland, Texas at a special election to be held May 2, 2026;

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

**Section 1**

**ELECTION ORDER FOR SPECIAL ELECTION AND NOTICE OF ELECTION**

There is hereby ordered a special election to be participated in by the qualified voters of the City of Garland, Texas ("City"), 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 submitting to the qualified voters of the City the following proposed nonbinding proposition, for adoption or rejection:

**Proposition Number 1**

Proposing to engage medical professionals to provide telehealth services by including a separate fee within the city utility bill of \$6.00 a month in the first two years and thereafter escalating up to \$9.00 a month in year five and providing any utility customer the right to avoid the fee by opting out of the program.

**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**  
**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 4**  
**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.

#### **Section 5**

#### **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 6**

#### **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 7**

#### **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 8**  
**STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

For this special election on the nonbinding proposition the ballot shall be prepared in a manner that the voters may vote "for" or "against" the nonbinding proposition.

**Section 9**  
**PROPOSITION**

The ballot proposition language for the nonbinding proposition is as follows:

**Proposition 1**

Shall the City of Garland, Texas engage medical professionals to provide telehealth services by including a separate fee within the city utility bill of \$6.00 a month in the first two years and thereafter escalating up to \$9.00 a month in year five, so long as any utility customer has the right to avoid the fee by opting out of the program?

**Section 10**  
**SEVERABILITY**

Should any word, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 11**  
**EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

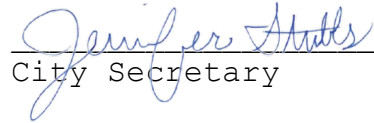
**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 3rd day of February, 2026.

**CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS**



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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Secretary

**POSTED:** 2-6-2026

