

ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-02-1404

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURPHY, TEXAS, ORDERING AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SECOND DAY OF MAY 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR MAYOR, PLACE 3, AND PLACE 5 TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM OF OFFICE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY, SUCH PROPOSITION BEING TO THE REAUTHORIZATION OF A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF MURPHY AT THE RATE OF ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.25%) TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OFFICERS; DESIGNATING THE PLACE AND MANNER OF HOLDING SAID ELECTION; DESIGNATING THE EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE; DESIGNATING THE EARLY VOTING CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF ELECTION; CALLING A RUN-OFF ELECTION, IF NEEDED; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 3.01(2) of the Home-Rule Charter of the City of Murphy, Texas (the “City”) provides that a general municipal election for the position of Mayor, City Council Place 3, and City Council Place 5 shall be elected at large on the first Saturday in May, or on such other date or dates as may be prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas, and that the Mayor Council Members elected shall serve for a three (3) year term of office; and

WHEREAS, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, as amended (the “Code”) specifies that the first Saturday in May, shall be the “uniform election date” and that a general or special election of a city may be held on such day; and

WHEREAS, the City and Collin County, Texas (“County”), are entering into a contract for election services whereby the County will conduct all aspects of the general election; and

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Ordinance is considered is open to the public as required by law, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by Section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code.

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

Section 1. Incorporation of Premises. That all of the above recitals are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Election Order; Election Date. That a general election shall be held in and throughout the City, on Saturday May 2, 2026, between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. (7:00 a.m.) and seven o'clock p.m. (7:00 p.m.).

Section 3. Purpose of Election. That the purpose of the general election is for the election of Mayor and Council Member Places 3 and 5 with the elected Mayor and Council Members serving a three (3) year term of office. The candidate for each such office receiving a majority of all votes cast for the office shall be elected to serve such term.

Section 4. Candidate Filings. That candidates for City Council may file for one of the three (3) places beginning on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 through Friday February 13, 2026, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The deadline for a write-in candidate shall be 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Section 5. Voting System. That voting on the date of the Election, and early voting therefore, shall be by the use of a lawfully approved voting system. The preparation of the voting equipment to be used in connection with such voting system and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit the electors to vote for three (3) City Council Members. Said ballots shall have printed therein such provisions, markings, and language as may be required by law and the Candidates shall be set forth on said ballots in substantially the following form and language:

GENERAL ELECTION
ELECCION GENERAL

City of Murphy, Texas
Ciudad de Murphy, Texas

May 2, 2026
2 de mayo de 2026

OFFICIAL BALLOT
BOLETA OFICIAL

Mayor
Alcalde

Council Member, Place 3
Miembro del Consejo, Lugar 3

Council Member, Place 5
Miembro del Consejo, Lugar 5

The official ballots for said election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code and Texas Tax Code with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law so as to permit all eligible voters of the City to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the proposition below, and with such proposition to be expressed substantially as follows:

Las boletas oficiales para dicha elección se prepararán de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas y el Código de Impuestos de Texas y las boletas deberán contener las disposiciones, marcas y lenguaje que exige la ley para permitir que todos los votantes elegibles de la Ciudad voten “A FAVOR” o “EN CONTRA” de la propuesta que se indica a continuación

Proposition A

<input type="checkbox"/> For	The reauthorization of a local sales and use tax in the City of Murphy at the rate of one-fourth of one percent (0.25%) to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.
<input type="checkbox"/> Against	

Section 6. Election Precincts; Polling Places. That the City hereby designates the Election Day polling location for the voters in six (6) Collin County Election Precincts located wholly or partially within the City of Murphy (Precinct Numbers 25, 144, 153, 166, 210, and 241). The Election Day polling place for Precinct Numbers 25, 144, 153, 166, 210 and 241 shall be the Murphy Community Center, 205 North Murphy Road, Murphy, Texas 75094 and any other Election Day Vote Center location designated in the contract for services with the Collin County Elections Administration. The Election Day election officials shall be named by the Collin County Elections Administrator.

Section 7. Early Voting; Early Voting Polling Place. The election shall be conducted by Collin County pursuant to a contract for election services between the City of Murphy and Collin County, and Collin County election officials shall serve as officials for said election.

Collin County Interim Election Administrator Kaleb Breaux, Collin County Elections Administration Office, 2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102, McKinney, Texas 75069, is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk, and Kandi Jackson, TRMC, City Secretary for the City of Murphy, is hereby appointed as Deputy Early Voting Clerk.

Early voting shall take place during the following dates and times:

April 20 – April 28

6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Qualified voters voting by mail will send their voted ballots to the Collin County Elections Department. Applications for ballot for early voting by mail must be received by the early voting clerk by close of business on Monday, April 20, 2026.

Section 8. Election Compliance. This election shall be held in accordance with, and shall be governed by, the election laws of the State of Texas. In all City elections, the Mayor, City Secretary or City Council shall perform each act as is required to be performed, in connection with the holding and consummation of such election, and to give effect to the intent of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Voting Qualifications; Voting Materials. All registered, qualified voters of the City shall be permitted to vote at the election. In addition, the election materials enumerated in the Texas Election Code, as amended, shall be printed in English and Spanish for use at the polling places and for early voting for the Election.

Section 10. Compensation for Services. The Presiding Judge of the regular election shall be paid the sum of \$14.00 per hour, or in an amount specified in the Contract for Election Services with the Collin County Election Administrator, for services provided in conducting the election. The Alternate Judge shall be paid \$13.00 per hour and each election clerk of the regular election shall be paid the sum of \$12.00 per hour, or in an amount specified in the Contract for Election Services with the Collin County Election Administrator, for services provided in conducting the election. Additionally, the Presiding Judge shall be paid \$25.00 for the delivery of the election supplies and results after the polls close.

Section 11. Election Returns. The Collin County Election Administrator shall deliver election returns to the City Secretary. The ballot boxes will be retained by the Collin County Election Administrator and will be available for inspection by the City Council in compliance with the applicable laws of the State of Texas; and the ballots that are properly marked in conformance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, for votes cast both during the period of early voting and on the day of the Election shall be counted in the manner required by law.

Section 12. Notice. The Mayor and City Secretary are hereby directed to give notice of the election by:

- (a) Publishing the notice of the election at least once, not more than thirty (30) days nor less than ten (10) days before the election in at least the official newspaper and the official City website;
- (b) Filing with the City Secretary, a copy of the notice of the election; and
- (c) Posting a copy of the notice on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council at least twenty-one (21) days before the Election.

Attached as Attachment "A" is a copy of the notice with the exhibits for Early Voting and Election Day Locations (these locations are subject to change). The Mayor or City Secretary shall file with the City Secretary a copy of the Publisher's Affidavit, which complies with the Texas Election Code, as amended, that the notice was published, with the name of the newspaper and the dates of publication.

Section 13. Voter Registration. Voter registration deadline is Thursday, April 2, 2026.

Section 14. Run-Off Election. If a run-off election becomes necessary, the Collin County Election Administrator's office will conduct the run-off election. In the event any candidate for any one of said offices fails to receive a majority of all votes cast for such office (a tie), a run-off election is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, June 1, 2026, as provided for by the Charter of the City and the Texas Election Code.

Section 15. Savings/Severability Clause. If any word, section, article, phrase, paragraph, sentence, clause, or portion of this ordinance or application thereto to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this ordinance despite such invalidity which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 16. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Murphy, Texas on this the 3rd day of February 2026.



APPROVED:

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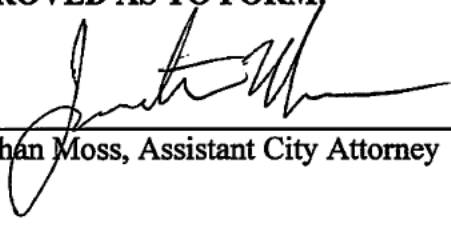
Scott Bradly, Mayor
City of Murphy

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kandi Jackson', is written over a horizontal line.

Kandi Jackson, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Moss', written over a horizontal line.

Jonathan Moss, Assistant City Attorney

ATTACHMENT A
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of the City of Murphy, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Murphy, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 2, 2026, for voting in a general election to elect the three (3) council members: Mayor, Council Member Place 3, and Council Member Place 5. (Por la presente se notifica que los lugares de votación que se enumeran a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m., el sábado 2 de mayo de 2026, para votar en una elección general para elegir a los tres (3) miembros del consejo: Alcalde, Miembro del Consejo Lugar 3, y Miembro del Consejo Lugar 5.)

LOCATION OF THE ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE:

(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

City constitutes one Election Precinct (made up from Precincts 25, 144, 153, 166, 210, and 241)
(La ciudad constituye el recinto de la elección (compuesto de los Recintos 25, 144, 153, 166, 210 y 241)

Murphy Community Center, 205 North Murphy Road, Murphy, Texas 75094 Centro comunitario de Murphy, 205 North Murphy Road, Murphy, Texas 75094

Miller Elementary, 5651 Coventry Drive, Richardson, Texas 75082 Escuela Primaria Miller, 5651 Coventry Drive, Richardson, Texas 75082

Any of the additional locations open under full contract services with the Collin County Elections Administration.

Cualquiera de las ubicaciones adicionales se abren bajo contratos completos con la Administración de Elecciones del Condado de Collin.

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE WILL BE CONDUCTED EACH WEEKDAY AT: (LA VOTACION ADELANTADA EN PERSONA SE LLEVARA A CABO DE LUNES A VIERNES EN)

- Murphy Community Center, 205 North Murphy Road, Murphy, Texas 75094

Centro comunitario de Murphy, 205 North Murphy Road, Murphy, Texas 75094

- Collin County Elections Office, 2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102, McKinney, Texas 75069 (Main Early Voting location); and

Oficina de elecciones del condado de Collin, 2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102, McKinney, Texas 75069 (Principal lugar de votación temprana); y

- Any of the additional Early Voting locations open under full contract services with the Collin County Elections Administration.

Cualquiera de las ubicaciones de votación anticipada adicionales abre bajo servicios de contrato completo con la Administración de Elecciones del Condado de Collin. (Vea la prueba instrumental A)

April 20 – April 28 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. el 20 de abril, hasta el 28 de abril, 6:00 de la mañana hasta las 10:00 de la tarde;)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a :)

Bruce Sherbet, Elections' Administrator (Early Voting Clerk)

2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102, McKinney, Texas 75069.

(Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votacion Adelantada)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Monday, April 20, 2026. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el viernes 20 de abril, 2026)

Issued this the 3rd day of February, 2026. (Emitada este dia 3 de febrero, 2026.)



Scott Bradley, Mayor