

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF NEW HOPE, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS (TOWN), ORDERING THE TOWN'S GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE (1) MAYOR AND TWO (2) ALDERMEN TO THE TOWN COUNCIL; APPOINTING AN ELECTION AGENT; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT; AUTHORIZING THE COLLIN COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR TO CONDUCT AND ADMINISTER THE GENERAL ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT; APPOINTING THE EARLY VOTING CLERK; DESIGNATING THE LOCATION AND TIME OF EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION OF BALLOTS FOR VOTING BY MAIL; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION TO THE GENERAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of New Hope, Texas ("Town"), being a Type B general-law municipality and a political subdivision of the State of Texas, is wholly located in Collin County;

WHEREAS, Texas Election Code § 271.002 authorizes the governing bodies of political subdivisions to enter into an agreement to hold elections jointly if held on the same day or in all or part of the same county; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of New Hope, Texas ("Town Council") finds it is convenient, cost effective, and in the best interest of the Town and its voters to contract with the Collin County Elections Administrator to conduct and administer the election on behalf of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NEW HOPE, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. RECITALS INCORPORATED. The above recitals and findings are hereby incorporated into the body of this Ordinance for all purposes as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. ORDER OF ELECTION. A general election is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing one (1) mayor and two (2) aldermen at-large to the Town Council to hold said office for a full term ("General Election").

SECTION 3. ELECTION AGENT. The Town Council hereby approves and appoints the Town Secretary as the Election Agent for the General Election to perform the duties described in Texas Election Code § 31.123.

SECTION 4. APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT. Beginning Wednesday, January 16, 2026, completed applications for a place on the ballot may be mailed to *Town of New Hope, 121 Rockcrest Road, New Hope, Texas 75071*; delivered in-person by

appointment only to Town Secretary Jill Monson, after contacting via telephone at (972)-548-2489 or via e-mail to *secretary@newhopetx.gov*, as Town Hall does not have regular business hours. The deadline to file applications is Friday, February 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 5. ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR AND CONTRACT. The Town Council hereby authorizes the Collin County Elections Administrator ("Elections Administrator") to conduct and administer the General Election and early voting thereof, in accordance with the Joint General and Special Election Services Contract between the Elections Administrator and Participating Political Subdivisions ("Contract"), including but not limited to appointing election judges and alternates, and appoints the Elections Administrator as custodian of voted ballots and shall retain all election materials for the amount of time provided in the Contract. On behalf of the Town, the Mayor and Town Secretary are authorized to execute and attest, respectively, the Contract.

SECTION 6. EARLY VOTING CLERK. The Elections Administrator is appointed as the Early Voting Clerk of the General Election, who shall conduct early voting by mail and in person and may appoint additional personnel to assist and serve as early voting clerks.

SECTION 7. EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE. Early voting by personal appearance for the General Election will be conducted at the locations designated by the Elections Administrator, which have not been determined by the time of the adoption of this Ordinance, during the following time periods:

- Monday, April 20, 2026 — Friday, April 24, 2026 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 25, 2026 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 27, 2026 — Tuesday, April 28, 2026 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 8. APPLICATIONS; VOTING BY MAIL. Applications for Ballots for Voting by Mail may be downloaded from the Texas Secretary of State and Collin County Elections websites and must be received no later than Monday, April 20, 2026. Completed applications may be mailed to *Elections Office, Collin County Early Voting Clerk, 2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102, McKinney, TX 75069*, faxed to (972) 547-1996, or e-mailed to *absenteemailballoting@collincountytx.gov*, provided that original applications must be mailed and received by the fourth business day after transmission by fax or e-mail.

SECTION 9. SUBMISSION OF BALLOTS. A completed Ballot for Voting by Mail may be hand-delivered in person by the voter to the Collin County Elections Office, located at *2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102, McKinney, TX 75069* during the hours provided on its website, including on Election Day. Completed Ballots for Voting by Mail may be mailed to *Kaleb Breaux, Collin County Early Voting Clerk, 2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102, McKinney, TX 75069*, or as otherwise provided by Collin County or the Texas Elections Code, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2026, if carrier envelope is postmarked by Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

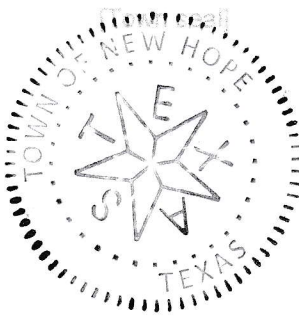
SECTION 10. VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE ON ELECTION DAY. Election day voting by personal appearance for the General Election will be conducted on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., at the locations to be determined by Collin County Elections Department: <https://www.collincountytx.gov/Elections/polling-locations>.

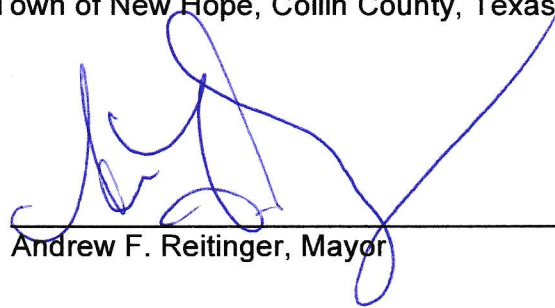
SECTION 11. CONDUCTING THE ELECTION. The General Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Contract, the Texas Election Code, and other applicable laws. All qualified and registered voters of the Town shall be eligible to vote in the General Election. The Town's Secretary or Assistant Secretary is hereby authorized to cause publication and posting of all notices prescribed by law in connection with the General Election.

SECTION 12. AUTHORIZATION FOR COMPLIANCE. The Mayor and Town Secretary, in consultation with the Town's duly appointed legal counsel, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code and any other applicable state or federal law in carrying out and conducting the General Election whether or not expressly authorized herein.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its adoption by the Town Council and continue in effect until the General Election is completed.

ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of New Hope, Collin County, Texas, on this 25th day of November, 2025.





Andrew F. Reitingger, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jill Monson, Secretary



Maria Huynh, Attorney