

**CITY OF BEDFORD, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING PERSONS TO CITY COUNCIL, PLACE 3 AND PLACE 5, WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE MAY 2028; AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH TARRANT COUNTY; AND ESTABLISHING THE DATES AND TIMES FOR EARLY VOTING FOR SUCH ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford, Texas is a Home Rule municipality acting under its Code of Ordinances adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and,

WHEREAS, Section 7.01 of the City of Bedford Charter provides that the City Council may, by resolution, order a general election, fix the time and place for holding same and provide all means for holding such general election, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, Bedford City Council positions are elected for a three-year term; and,

WHEREAS, Section 3.001 of the Texas Election Code ("Code") provides that each general election shall be ordered as provided by Chapter 3, Ordering Election; and,

WHEREAS, the City will enter into agreements for election services with Tarrant County pursuant to Sections 31.092 and 271.002 of the Code.

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

SECTION 1.

The findings above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein in their entirety.

SECTION 2.

A general election is hereby called to elect the offices of City Council, Place 3 and Place 5, to serve through a term to expire May 2028 or until a successor is duly elected and qualified. The election shall be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The polling locations for this election are designated pursuant to the aforesaid agreements with Tarrant County for election services at those precincts designated by Tarrant County.

SECTION 3.

Qualified persons may file for a place on the ballot by filing an application in the Office of the City Secretary during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each weekday, beginning Wednesday, January 15, 2025 and continuing until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025.

SECTION 4.

Clinton Ludwig, the Tarrant County Elections Administrator or his designee, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76111, is hereby appointed as Early Voting Clerk and may appoint additional deputy early voting clerks as necessary to properly conduct the Election.

Website: www.tarrantcounty.com
Email: electionsinfo@tarrantcounty.com
Telephone: (817) 831-8683

SECTION 5.

Michael Wells, City of Bedford City Secretary, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, Texas, 76021, shall serve as the Deputy Early Voting Clerk.

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SECTION 6.

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the County’s Main Early Voting polling location: 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76111. Branch offices for early voting by personal appearance shall be established as outlined in the election agreement with Tarrant County. The branch early voting location to be located within the City of Bedford is the Bedford Public Library, 2424 Forest Ridge Drive.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 and will end on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. Hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be as set forth below:

April 22-25	Tuesday - Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
April 26	Saturday	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
April 27	Sunday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
April 28-29	Monday - Tuesday	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the election officers for the early voting ballot board shall be appointed and designated in accordance with the provisions of the election agreement with the Tarrant County Elections Administrator.

Applications for early voting by mail may be delivered to the Early Voting Clerk, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111; FAX: 817-831-6118; email: votebymail@tarrantcounty.com to be received not later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. Early Voting ballots shall be mailed to Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 961011, Fort Worth, Texas, 76161-0011. The City Secretary is directed to forward the applications and ballots to the Election Administrator as provided in the election agreement.

SECTION 7.

Voting shall be conducted exclusively on Tarrant County’s Hart InterCivic Verity Voting System. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials therefor, and the employment of all election officials are hereby authorized, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Code.

SECTION 8.

All resident qualified electors of the City shall be permitted to vote at said election, and on the day of the election. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the aforesaid election agreement, election laws of the Code, the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the Charter of the City of Bedford, and as may be required by law. All election materials and proceedings shall be printed in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

SECTION 9.

Combined ballots may be utilized containing all of the offices and propositions to be voted on at each polling place, provided that no voter shall be given a ballot or permitted to vote for any office or proposition on which the voter is ineligible to vote.

SECTION 10.

The Election Judge and officers for each polling place and the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the election agreement for the conducting of the election on the aforesaid election date with Tarrant County.

SECTION 11.

Notice of the election shall be published in accordance with Chapter 4 of the Code.


SECTION 12.

The Mayor is authorized to execute the aforesaid election agreement for and on behalf of the City.


SECTION 13.

The City Manager and the City Secretary, 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.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 14th day of January 2025, by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas.



Daniel S. Cogan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michael Wells, City Secretary