

RESOLUTION NO. R636

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNEDALE, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2025; TO ELECT CITY COUNCIL PLACES 1,3, AND 5 FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS; APPROVING ENTERING INTO A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH TARRANT COUNTY ELECTIONS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Kennedale, Texas, (the "City") is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kennedale Charter provides that city elections shall be held in accordance with laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a) (1-2) of the Texas Election Code establishes the first Saturday in May as a uniform election date for the purposes of conducting a General Election; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.004(b) of the Texas Election code provides that the governing body of a municipality shall be the authority to order a General Election for the purposes of electing members to the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the City will enter into a joint election agreement for general election services with Tarrant County pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 31.092 and 271.002.

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

SECTION 1. GENERAL ELECTION CALLED.

An election is hereby called to elect the offices of City Council Places 1,3, and 5 to serve from May of 2025 until May of 2027, or until their successors are 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. Kennedale registered voters will utilize countywide "vote centers" for the election. The "vote centers" allow residents to vote at any polling location countywide on Election Day.

SECTION 2. JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT APPROVED.

The City Manager is authorized to execute a Joint Election Agreement (the "Agreement") with Tarrant County for the purpose of having Tarrant County furnish all or any portion of the election services and equipment needed to conduct the election. The Agreement and election services provided therein shall conform to Chapter 31, Subchapter D of the Code and other applicable statutes and laws. In the event of conflict between this resolution and the Agreement, the Agreement shall control.

SECTION 3. APPLICATION FOR PLACE ON BALLOT.

Qualified persons may file as candidates by filing applications in the office of the City

Secretary from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from January 15, 2025 through February 14, 2025.

SECTION 4. EARLY VOTING.

- a. **Early voting by personal appearance.** Early voting by personal appearance will be held jointly with other political subdivisions in Tarrant County beginning on April 22, 2025, and continue through April 29, 2025, at the locations established by Tarrant County on the dates and times as follows or may be amended by Tarrant County.

April 22 – April 25	8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
April 26	7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
April 27	11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
April 28	7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
April 29	7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

- b. **Early Voting by Mail.** Tarrant County Elections Administrator, or his designee, is hereby designated as Early voting Clerk for the city’s election. The Tarrant County Chief Elections Administrator may appoint other deputy early voting clerks as necessary. Applications for early voting by mail maybe de delivered to the Chief Election Administrator beginning January 1, 2025, but not later than April 22, 2025. Applications for early voting by mail may be delivered not later than the close of business on April 22, 2025, to the Election Administrator in any of the following ways: via mail to Early Voting Clerk, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76111; via courier or hand delivery to Tarrant County Elections, 2700 Premier St., Fort Worth, Texas 76111.

Pursuant to House Bill 3107, the Early voting clerk’s email address, phone number and internet website are as follows:

Early Voting Clerk
electionsinfor@tarrantcounty.com
817-831-8683
<https://www.tarrantcounty.com/elections>

- c. **Early Voting Ballot Board.** Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, shall be canvassed by the Early Voting Ballot Board established by Tarrant County under the terms of the Agreement.

SECTION 5. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGE AND ALTERNATE ELECTION JUDGE.

The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge shall be appointed by Tarrant County as authorized by Chapter 271 of the Code.

SECTION 6. METHOD OF VOTING; COSTS.

The Joint Election Agreement shall provide (a) the type of electronic voting equipment to be used for early voting by personal appearance and on election day, (b) notification and training for election judges and clerks, (c) an estimate and final payment terms for the election services provided, (d) agreements for early voting equipment and voting machine

rental, and (e) other procedures to conduct the election. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials thereof, and the employment of all election officials are hereby authorized, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Code.

SECTION 7. GOVERNING LAW AND QUALIFIED VOTERS.

The election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Code, and all resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at the election.

SECTION 8. PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice of the election shall be given as required by Chapter 4 of the Code.

SECTION 9. NECESSARY ACTIONS.

The Mayor 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 federal and state law in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

SECTION 10. RUNOFF ELECTION.

The Council hereby orders that, following the canvass of the May 3, 2025 election, any runoff election required shall be held in accordance with Section 2.025(a) of the Code, and on a date as agreed to between the City of Kennedale and Tarrant County Elections Administration.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.


This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

APPROVED:


MAYOR BRAD HORTON

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY BOBBIE JO TAYLOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


CITY ATTORNEY, CARVAN E. ADKINS

