



RESOLUTION NO. 24-0618-H8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR PRO TEM AT-LARGE TO FILL A VACANCY FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING MAY 2026; DESIGNATING POLLING LOCATIONS; DESIGNATING FILING DEADLINES; PROVIDING FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION; AND ORDERING A NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, the City of Ennis, Texas ("City") is a home rule city acting under the authority provided by 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 Ennis Home Rule Charter provides that the city elections shall be held in accordance with laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, a Vacancy exists in the position of Mayor Pro Tem Elected At-Large, of the City of Ennis City Commission; and

WHEREAS, Texas Constitution Article XI, Section 11 provides that cities with terms of office greater than 2 years must be filled by a majority vote of qualified voters in a special election within 120 days after the vacancy occurs; and

WHEREAS, the City will enter into an agreement with Ellis County Elections for election services pursuant to Texas Election Code Sections 31.092 and 271.002.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TX:

SECTION 1: The City Commission finds that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution as if written herein.

SECTION 2: Vacancy; Mayor Pro Tem At-Large. That the City Commission does hereby declare a vacancy in the position of Mayor Pro Tem and orders a special election be held on September 7, 2024, under the authority of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis, Texas and the laws of the State of

Texas, for the purpose of electing a Mayor Pro Tem, At-Large, to serve the remainder of a three year term expiring May 2026.

SECTION 3: Filing of Applications for a Place on the Ballot. Qualified voters wishing to file for a place on the ballot for the election of said Mayor Pro Tem shall file his/her application with the City Secretary beginning June 18, 2024 and ending July 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

SECTION 4: Joint Election Agreement. The Mayor and the City Secretary are authorized to enter into election agreements and contracts for election services with Ellis County under the authority of Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code. The election shall be conducted pursuant to the election laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 5: Early Voting Clerk. Jana Onyon, Ellis County Elections Administrator, 204 E. Jefferson Street, Waxahachie, TX 75165, is hereby appointed as Early Voting Clerk and General Custodian of the Election Materials and Records until the time period required by law has lapsed. Applications for early voting ballot by mail should be mailed to the Early Voting Clerk at the above address; or faxed to 972-923-5194 and then mailed within 4 days; or email a signed copy of the application to Elections@co.ellis.tx.us. The deadline for submitting applications for early voting by mail is August 27, 2024.

SECTION 6: Early Voting. Early Voting by personal appearance shall begin on August 21, 2024 and will continue through September 3, 2024. The main early voting location shall be located at:

Ellis County Sub-Courthouse (Conf Room)
207 S. Sonoma Trail
Ennis, TX 75119

Early voting by personal appearance shall be held on the dates and times as follows:

August 21 - 23	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
August 24	8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
August 26 - 30	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
September 3	7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

SECTION 7: Election Day Voting. Voting on Election Day, September 7, 2024, shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. at the Ellis County Sub-Courthouse (Conf Room), 207 S. Sonoma Trail, Ennis, Texas 75119.

SECTION 8: Election Results. The results of the election shall be certified, canvassed, and returned in the form and manner prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas and the Charter and ordinances of the City of Ennis.

SECTION 9: Election Notice. The notice of the election hereby ordered and called shall be promulgated, published and posted in keeping with the laws of the State of Texas, and the Charter and ordinances of the City of Ennis.

SECTION 10: Runoff Election. Any runoff election required for the election of members of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, following the special election of September 7, 2024, shall be held on October 12, 2024 in accordance with Section 2.025 (a) Election Code of the State of Texas, and as agreed to between the City of Ennis and Ellis County Elections.

SECTION 11: A copy of this order, and all other required postings shall appear on the City of Ennis website at:

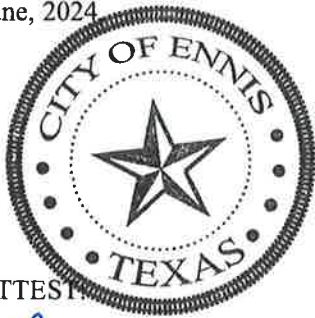
<https://www.ennistx.gov/CurrentElections>

and on the Ellis County Elections Administration website at:

<https://www.co.ellis.tx.us/629/Upcoming-Elections>


SECTION 12: The Mayor and the City Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of Federal law, State law, and the City of Ennis Home Rule Charter in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas on this 18th day of June, 2024




KAMERON RABURN, Mayor

ATTEST:


ANGIE WADE, City Secretary