ORDINANCE 2025-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 1; ONE COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 2; AND, TWO COUNCILMEMBERS AT-LARGE; PROVIDING FOR JOINT ELECTION WITH CALDWELL COUNTY; ESTABLISHING EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS AND HOURS; AND ORDERING NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW; AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION.

WHEREAS, state and city law provide that on November 4, 2025 there shall be a general election for the purpose of electing one (1) Councilmember District 1; one (1) Councilmember District 2; and, two (2) Councilmembers At-Large.

WHEREAS, the City Council also has the authority pursuant to Chapter 271, Texas Election Code, to enter into a joint election agreement with Caldwell County, which is a political subdivision that is also holding an election on the same date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Order of General Election:

ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL PARA MUNICIPOS

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 4, 2025 for the purpose of voting on:

(Por la presente se ordena celebrar una elección el 4 de <u>noviemb</u>re, 2025 con el propósito de votar sobre.)

List Offices/Propositions/Measures on the ballot (Enúmere los puestos/proposiciones/medidas oficiales en la boleta)

Councilmember District 1 (Concejal del Distrito 1)

Councilmember District 2 (Concejal del Distrito 2)

Two Councilmembers At-Large (Dos Consejales A-Grande)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted as follows: (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo como previsto:)

The Main Early Voting Location (sitio principal de votación adelantada)

Scott Annex Building (Edificio Anexo Scott) 1403 Blackjack St. Lockhart, Texas 78644

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted:

Monday, October 20, 2025	8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 21, 2025	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 22, 2025	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 23, 2025	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, October 24, 2025	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 25, 2025	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 26, 2025	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday, October 27, 2025	8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 28, 2025	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 29, 2025	8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 30, 2025	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 31, 2025	7:00 a.m 7:00 p.m.

Locations and hours may be changed by the County Elections Administrator.

The Council appoints Devante Coe, Caldwell County Elections Administrator, as the Early Voting Clerk. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Early Voting Clerk
Devante Coe, Caldwell County Elections Administrator
1403 Blackjack Street, Suite A
Lockhart, Texas 78644
(512) 668-4347

Email Address: <u>devante.coe@co.caldwell.tx.us</u>

Website: www.co.caldwell.tx.us

Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBMs) must be received no later than the close of business on: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el:)

October 24, 2025 (24 de octubre, 2025)

Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on: (La Tarjeta Federal Postal de Solicitud deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el:)

October 24, 2025 (24 de octubre, 2025)

Order of General Election Issued this 5th day of August, 2025. (Emitida este dia 5 de agosto, 2025)

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<u>Section 2.</u> <u>Election Duties.</u> In the absence of the City Secretary, the City Manager and/or Assistant City Manager are hereby appointed to fulfill election duties in place of City Secretary as needed in accordance with Texas Elections Code Sec 31.123.

<u>Section 3.</u> Notice of Election. Notice of the Election, stating in substance the contents of this Ordinance, shall be published in the English and Spanish languages at least once in a newspaper published within CITY's territory at least 10 days and no more than 30 days, prior to the election, and as otherwise may be required by the Texas Election Code and Texas Local Government Code. Notice of the Elections shall also be posted on the bulletin board used by the Council to post notices of the Council's meetings no later than the 21st day before the Elections, or if the 21st day before the Elections falls on a weekend or holiday, on the first business day thereafter.

<u>Section 4. Authorization to Execute.</u> The Mayor of the CITY is authorized to execute and the City Secretary of the CITY is authorized to attest this Ordinance on behalf of the City Council; and the Mayor of the City Council is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Elections.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision, section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or un-enforced, the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or its application shall not be affected, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting and of the Mayor in approving this ordinance that no portion, provision, or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by way of reasons of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any other portion, provision or regulation.

Section 6. Repealer. That all other ordinances, sections, or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the City of Lockhart in conflict with the provisions set out above in this ordinance are hereby repealed or amended as indicated.

<u>Section 7.</u> <u>Publication.</u> That the City Secretary is directed to cause the caption of this ordinance to be published in a newspaper of general circulation according to law.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED on August 5, 2025.

CITY OF LOCKHART

Lew White, Mayor

APPROXED AS TO FORM:

Bradford E. Bullock, City Attorney

Julie Bowermon City Secretary

ATTEST: