

ORDINANCE _____

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF KILLEEN, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME-RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY; SPECIFYING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION LAWS SHALL CONTROL ALL QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO SUCH ELECTION; PRESCRIBING THE CONTENTS OF THE OFFICIAL BALLOT; DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ELECTION; AND CONTAINING MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas and the Charter of the City of Killeen (the “Charter”), it is ordered by the City Council that an election be held in the City of Killeen, Texas, on November 3, 2026 (“Election Day”), for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Killeen, certain propositions on whether the Charter of the City of Killeen should be amended.

SECTION 2. The proposed amendments to the existing Charter of the City of Killeen are set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all intents and purposes. Text of the existing Charter proposed to remain the same is shown in normal type, text proposed to be deleted from the existing Charter is shown as a ~~strikeout~~, and text proposed to be added to the existing Charter is shown as underlined.

SECTION 3. That the vote shall be upon an official ballot prepared in such manner as will permit the voters to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the propositions submitted, with the propositions to be set forth on the official ballots in substantially the following form:

Proposition A

Moving Regular City Elections to November

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to move regular elections for mayor and all councilmembers to the November uniform election date during odd-numbered years, and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

Proposition B

Repealing the Resign-to-Run Provision

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to repeal the requirement that a member of the City Council resign and vacate his/her position upon filling to run for a different office on the City Council, and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

Proposition C

Filling Vacancies on the City Council

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to require that any vacancy on the City Council shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the City Council, allowing for a special election to fill the vacancies should a quorum of the City Council no longer exist, and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

Proposition D

Initiative & Referendum Petition Timeline

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to change the number of days in which the City Secretary must certify a petition for initiative or referendum, and in which a petitioner may amend a deficient petition, from 10 days to 30 days, and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

Proposition E

Adoption of Initiatives

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to prohibit the City Council from adopting any initiated ordinance that is inconsistent with state law or from submitting any such ordinance to the electors, and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

Proposition F

Grounds for Recall

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to require that a petitioner allege incompetence, official misconduct, or malfeasance in office in an affidavit seeking the recall of an elected official, and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

Proposition G

Recall Petition Requirements

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to change the number of days in which the City Secretary must provide petition blanks in response to a submitted recall affidavit from 1 day to 5 days, and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

Proposition H

Recall of District Councilmember

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to require that a person filing a recall affidavit for a district council member live within the district in which the council member represents, and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

SECTION 4. The manner of holding the elections and all questions pertaining to such election shall be governed by the Texas Election Code, and the returns shall be made and canvassed and the results declared as in other legal elections of the City of Killeen.

SECTION 5. Each registered voter who desires to cast an early vote, or who expects to be absent on the date of the elections, shall be entitled to an official ballot and to cast such ballot in accordance with the applicable provisions of Title 7 of the Texas Election Code. The Bell County Elections Administrator will be the early voting clerk, who may appoint by written order one or more temporary deputies to serve as the deputy early voting clerk in accordance with applicable state law. The early voting clerk's contact information is as follows:

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1629, Belton, Texas 76513

Email Address: elections@bellcounty.texas.gov

Phone Number: (254) 933-5774

Website: <https://www.bellcountytexas.com/departments/elections>

Early voting will be conducted in person, Monday, October 19, 2026 through Friday, October 23, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, October 25, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; and Monday, October 26, 2026 through Friday, October 30, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. The main early

voting polling place is identified as the Bell County Courthouse Annex located at 550 East 2nd Avenue, Belton, Texas. In addition to the main early voting polling place, branch early voting locations are as follows:

Killeen – Jackson Professional Learning Center, 902 Rev R A Ambercrombie Drive

Killeen – Senior Center at Lions Club Park, 1700 E. Stan Schleuter Loop

Killeen – True Deliverance Ministries, 709 W Dean Avenue

Harker Heights – Parks & Recreation Center, 307 Miller Crossing

Salado – Thomas Arnold Elementary T3 School, 620 Thomas Arnold Road

Temple – Temple ISD Administration Building, 401 Santa Fe Drive

Morgan's Point – Event Center, 60 Morgan's Point Boulevard

Applications for ballot by mail ("ABBM") may be mailed to:

Dr. Desi R. Roberts

Bell County Elections Administrator

P.O. Box 1629

Belton, TX 76513

The deadline to submit an ABBM is close of business on October 23, 2026 (must be received, not postmarked).

SECTION 6. All resident qualified electors of the City of Killeen shall be permitted to vote in the election.

SECTION 7. The election materials enumerated in Texas Election Code Sec. 272.001, *et seq.*, shall be printed and furnished in both English and Spanish for use at each polling place on Election Day and for early voting.

SECTION 8. Notice of elections shall be given by posting substantial copies of the Notice of Election, as prescribed by the Secretary of State's Office, in both English and Spanish at City Hall for the City of Killeen, the official City of Killeen website, and at three other public places in the City of Killeen at least thirty days prior to Election Day. Not less than fourteen days prior to Election Day, substantial copies of the Notice of Election in both English and Spanish shall be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Killeen.

SECTION 9. Returns of the elections shall be made by the election officers to the City Council at a meeting following the election. The returns will be canvassed and the results of the election declared as prescribed by the Texas Election Code and the City of Killeen City Charter.

SECTION 10. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this ordinance has been adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered and acted upon at the meeting, including this ordinance, was given, as required by the applicable provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Killeen, Texas, this 4th day of August, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.001, *et seq.*

APPROVED:

Joseph Solomon, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Elaine Simpson, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Holli Clements, CITY ATTORNEY