



# City of Killeen

## Legislation Text

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Consider an ordinance calling the May 4, 2024 General Election to elect a Mayor and three Councilmembers-at-Large.

**DATE:** January 23, 2024

**TO:** Kent Cagle, City Manager

**FROM:** Laura Calcote, City Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Ordering the May 4, 2024 General Election to Elect a Mayor and Three Councilmembers-at-Large

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Texas Election Code, Chapter 3, provides for the ordering of an election not later than the 78<sup>th</sup> day before a uniform election date. In addition to any other elements required, each order must state the date of the election and the offices or measures to be voted on at the election.

The attached ordinance has been prepared calling the election and giving notice of an election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three Councilmembers-at-large and designating the polling places and times.

### **THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

There are no legal alternatives, as the Mayor and three Councilmember-at-large seats expire in May 2024.

### **Which alternative is recommended? Why?**

Staff recommends holding a May 4, 2024 General Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three Councilmembers-at-large.

### **CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

This ordinance conforms to Article IX of the City Charter authorizing the calling of an election to be held on a uniform election date provided for in the Texas Election Code.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

### **What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?**

The estimated cost to conduct this election is \$100,000. Funds are budgeted to cover costs associated with the election. Killeen Independent School District and the Bell County Appraisal District have expressed

interest in holding a joint election with the city, and the total costs of election equipment, personnel and supplies would then be divided evenly amongst the three participating entities.

**Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?**

Holding an election is a recurring expenditure.

**Is this expenditure budgeted?**

Yes, funds are available in the General Fund, Legal Department, City Secretary election expense accounts 010-1010-416.40-11 and 010-1010-416.50-45.

**If not, where will the money come from?**

N/A

**Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?**

Yes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council approve the ordinance calling for a May 4, 2024 General Election to elect a Mayor and three Councilmembers-at-large.

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Finance  
City Attorney

**ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Order of Election for Municipalities  
Presentation