

**CITY OF GODLEY, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 01-2026-150**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GODLEY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2026; PROVIDING FOR FILING FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT; PROVIDING PROCEDURES TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Godley, Texas (“City”), is a Type A general law municipality located in Johnson County, Texas, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code (the “Code”) specifies that the first Saturday in May shall be a “uniform election date” and that a general election may be held on such day; and

WHEREAS, state law requires that a general election be held; and

WHEREAS, a general election for city council members is required to be held on May 2, 2026 at which time the voters will elect persons to fill the offices of Mayor, City Council Place 2 and City Council Place 4; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City Council, via adoption of this Ordinance, to call a general election; to designate a polling place; and to establish procedures for conducting the election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GODLEY, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

INCORPORATION. The facts and recitations contained in the above preamble of this Ordinance are incorporated herein for all purposes.

SECTION 2.

GENERAL ELECTION CALLED. The City Council hereby calls and orders a General Uniform Election to be held on May 2, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., at which the following officers will be elected:

MAYOR- For a two-year term ending in May 2028
CITY COUNCIL PLACE 2- For a two-year term ending in May 2028
CITY COUNCIL PLACE 4- For a two-year term ending in May 2028

SECTION 3.

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT. Eligible persons wishing to file as candidates must file an application with the City Secretary at 200 W. Railroad Street, Godley, Texas 76044, and may do so beginning at 8:00 a.m., January 14, 2026, and continuing through 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2026. Each application shall be on a form meeting the requirements of Section 141.031 of the Code. The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing by the City Secretary. Notice of the time and place for such drawing shall be given in accordance with state law.

SECTION 4.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATE ELECTION JUDGES. Election judges for the general election shall be appointed as authorized by Chapter 271 of the Code.

SECTION 5.

EARLY VOTING. The City Secretary is designated the Early Voting Clerk. Additional Deputy Early Voting Clerks may be appointed as provided in the joint election agreement.

- (a) Early Voting by personal appearance shall be conducted beginning on April 20, 2026, and continuing through April 28, 2026, at the City of Godley Pavilion located at 104 E. Allen Avenue, Godley, Texas 76044, on the following dates and times:

Date	Time
Monday, April 20 - Friday, April 24	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, April 27 - Tuesday, April 28	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBM)s and Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) in Godley may be delivered to the Early Voting Clerk Brittany Gross to be received not later than the close of business on April 20, 2026.

- (b) Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, shall be canvassed by the Early Voting Ballot Board, which is hereby established. The Presiding Election Judge and the Alternate Presiding Judge will be appointed by the Election Administrators as permitted by law. The Presiding Election Judge shall appoint elections clerks as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the election. The Presiding Election Judge, or the Alternative Election Judge, in the absence of the Presiding Election Judge, and the election clerks shall constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board to process early voting results from the election. The Presiding Election Judge and the Alternate Election Judge must be eligible to serve in accordance with state law, and the election clerks shall be

qualified voters of the City.

SECTION 6.

ELECTION DAY. The election shall be held at the Godley Pavilion located at 104 E. Allen Avenue, Godley, Texas 76044, on Saturday, May 2, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 7.

METHOD OF VOTING. Voting shall be conducted using the City's voting system. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials therefore, and the employment of all election officials are hereby authorized and shall be conducted in accordance with the Code.

SECTION 8.

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 9.

PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF ELECTION. Notice of the election shall be published in accordance with Chapter 4 (Section 4.003) of the Code.

SECTION 10.

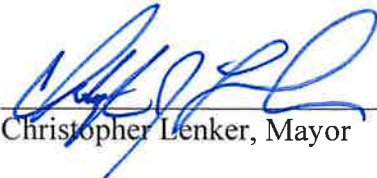
NECESSARY ACTIONS. The Mayor and the City Secretary, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of federal and state law in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein. The City Secretary is hereby authorized to make such submissions as are necessary to the United States Justice Department to seek pre-clearance for any changes in voting practices as authorized by the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

SECTION 11.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.


PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Godley, Texas, this 20th day of January, 2026.

APPROVED:



Christopher Lenker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brittany Gross, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lindsey Hale, City Attorney

