



RESOLUTION NO. 25-1021-F1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE POSITION OF MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR PRO TEM TO FILL A VACANCY FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING MAY 2026; DESIGNATING POLLING LOCATIONS; DESIGNATING FILING DEADLINES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY SECRETARY TO CONTRACT WITH THE ELLIS COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR; 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 city elections shall be held in accordance with laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2025, Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Isbell submitted her resignation to the City Secretary's office, resulting in a vacancy for the remainder of her term expiring May of 2026; and

WHEREAS, Texas Constitution Article XI, Section 11 provides that vacancies in 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. That the City Commission does hereby declare a vacancy in the position of Mayor Pro Tem and orders a special election be held on January 31, 2026, 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, 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's office beginning Monday, November 3, 2025 at 8:00 A.M. and ending Friday, November 21, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

SECTION 4: Joint Election Agreement. The Mayor and the City Secretary are authorized to enter into election agreements and contract 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; or email a signed copy of the application to Elections@co.ellis.tx.us. If faxed or emailed, original application must be mailed and received within 4 days in compliance with new HB1927 and SB5. The deadline for submitting applications for early voting by mail is Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

SECTION 6: Early Voting. Early Voting by personal appearance locations will be posted with the notice of election and shall take place on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, through Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 8:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M.; and Monday, January 26, 2026, through Tuesday, January 27, 2026, from 8:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M.

SECTION 7: Election Day Voting. Voting on Election Day, January 31, 2026, shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. with locations posted with the notice of election.

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: The Voter Registration Deadline for the January 31, 2026 Special Election is Friday, January 2, 2026.

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

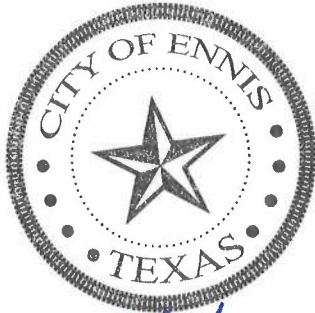
<https://www.ennistx.gov/CurrentElections>

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 21st day of October, 2025.



ATTEST:

Angie Wade

ANGIE WADE, City Secretary

Kameron Raburn

KAMERON RABURN, Mayor

