

RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS CITY COUNCIL, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026, FOR THE OFFICES OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE 3, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASTROP HOME RULE CHARTER; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES WITHIN THE CITY; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE GENERAL ELECTION AND ANY REQUIRED RUNOFF ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD AS A JOINT ELECTION WITH BASTROP COUNTY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: In accordance with the general laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, and the Charter of the City, a General Election is hereby called and ordered for Saturday, May 2, 2026. All residents and qualified voters of the City of Bastrop shall be permitted to vote, in said election for the purpose of electing the position of Mayor and the position of Council Member Place 3 for a term of three (3) years ending in May 2029.

SECTION 2: The present existing boundaries and territory of the Bastrop County election precincts that are wholly or partly within the corporate limits of the City shall constitute the election precincts for the election. The precinct numbers for the same shall be the corresponding Bastrop County precinct numbers. The polling places for the general election shall be as outlined in the Joint Election Agreement (as defined in Section 3, below).

SECTION 3: The election shall be held as a joint election with Bastrop County and other municipalities and school districts according to a Joint Election Agreement for the conduct of a joint election to be held on May 2, 2026 and the County shall be responsible for appointing all election judges and clerks and shall be responsible for their compensation. Election judges and clerks shall have the qualifications required by law and notice of appointment shall be given to such judges and clerks by the Administrator in accordance with law.

SECTION 4: Applications to have the name of the candidate placed on the ballot may not be filed earlier than thirty (30) days before the deadline prescribed by the Election Code for filing applications with the City Secretary, and the earliest date for a candidate to file same will be Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 8:00 am., with the last day for filing to be Friday, February 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with Election Code Sect. 143.006 and 143.007.

SECTION 5: The order in which the names of the candidate(s) are to be printed on the ballot for council members on said Bastrop City Council shall be determined by a drawing conducted by the City Secretary, as provided by Section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code,

on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

- **SECTION 6:** Kristen Miles, Bastrop County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed as Early Voting Clerk. The period for early voting by personal appearance, as established by provisions of the Texas Election Code, is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, April 20, 2026 and ending on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Early Voting hours on April 27th and April 28th begin at 7:00 a.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. ***NO VOTING ON APRIL 21st DUE TO STATE HOLIDAY***

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted in the Office of the Elections Department, 804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602 and at other locations so designated by the Bastrop County Elections Administrator.

SECTION 7: The Early Voting Clerk shall process all applications for early voting by mail. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Bastrop County Elections Department, 804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602. The last day for unregistered applicants to submit a federal postcard application and be eligible to vote a full ballot is the close of business on Thursday, April 2, 2026.

SECTION 8: Notice of this election shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and returns of such notice shall be made as provided for in said Code. The Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tempore shall issue all necessary orders and writs for such election. Returns of such election shall be made to the City Secretary immediately after the closing of the polls. In addition, the election materials as outlined in Section 272.005, Texas Election Code, shall be printed in both English and Spanish for use at the polling places and for each voting for said election.

SECTION 9: The City Secretary will provide the Statement of Elected Officers to the candidate(s) who received the majority of votes cast on Thursday, May 7, 2026. The canvass has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Bastrop City Hall, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. The official Oath of Office will be administered after the official canvass is conducted. The City Secretary is instructed to record the results in the Election Register as soon as practical following the canvass.

SECTION 10. According to Chapter 9, Section 9.07 of the Home Rule Charter regarding "Elections," if no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for an office during an election, the Council will call for a Runoff Election as soon as the official results are announced. The two (2) candidates who received, in the preceding main election, the highest number of votes for each office to which no one was elected shall be voted on again, and the candidate who receives the majority of the votes cast for each such office in the runoff election shall be elected to such office.

SECTION 11. The Runoff Election is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 2026. The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot for council members on said Bastrop City Council shall be determined by a drawing conducted by the City Secretary, as

provided by Section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code, on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

SECTION 12. The period for early voting for the Runoff Election by personal appearance, as established by provisions of the Texas Election Code, is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning Monday, June 1, 2026 and ending on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted in the Office of the Elections Department, 804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602 and at other locations so designated by the Bastrop County Elections Administrator.

SECTION 13. The City Secretary will provide the Statement of Elected Officers to the candidate(s) who receive the highest number of votes cast on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. This will take place at the tentatively scheduled canvass on the same day at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Bastrop City Hall, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. The official Oath of Office will be administered after the canvass is completed. The City Secretary is instructed to record the results in the Election Register as soon as it is practical after the canvass.

SECTION 14: Should any part, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase contained in this resolution is held to be unconstitutional or of no force and effect, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance, but in all respects said remaining portion shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 15: It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

SECTION 16. That this Resolution shall become effective from and after its passage as may be required by law or by the City Charter or ordinance.

DULY RESOLVED by the Bastrop City Council on this 13th day of January, 2026.

APPROVED:

by: 
Ishmael Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michael Muscarello, City Secretary



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney
Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.