CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS, CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICES OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER – 4, COUNCIL MEMBER - PLACE 5, AND MAYOR, TO BE HELD MAY 2, 2026; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE WISE COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING PROCEDURES TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION

WHEREAS, the City of Rhome, Texas ("City") is a Type A general law municipality governed by Chapter 6 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Election Code establishes May 2, 2026, as the uniform election date for the general election for the City; and

WHEREAS, it is the City Council's intent that the election be conducted jointly with other political subdivisions of Wise County and be administered by the Wise County Elections Administrator in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, it is City Council's intent that the City accept the Wise County Election Administrator's use of the direct recording electronic voting system, which has been certified by the Secretary of State in accordance with the Texas Election Code and approved by the United States Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Ordinance is considered is open to the public as required by law, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by Section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code.

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

SECTION 1. ORDER FOR GENERAL ELECTION. The City Council hereby calls and orders a general municipal election to be held on May 2, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing persons to serve on City Council Place 4, and Place 5, and Mayor to serve a term of two (2) years from May 2026 until May 2028, or until their successors are duly appointed or elected and qualified.

SECTION 2. FILING FOR OFFICE. Qualified persons may file as candidates for the general election by filing applications each weekday in the office of the City Secretary during regular office hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Thursday and 7:00am to 12pm (noon) on Fridays, beginning Wednesday, January 14, 2026, and ending Friday, February 13, 2026 from 8:00am – 12:00pm.

SECTION 3. MAIL BALLOTS. Applications requesting a ballot by mail for either early voting or election day voting shall be mailed to: Wise County Elections, Early Voting Clerk, 200 South Trinity Street, Decatur, Texas 76234. Applications for early voting ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 20, 2026.

SECTION 4. EARLY VOTING. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted on the following dates and times beginning April 21, 2026 and ending April 28, 2026.

The main early voting location is the Rhome Community Center, 261 School Road, Rhome, TX 76078

April 21, 2026	Tuesday	8:00am - 5:00pm
April 22, 2026	Wednesday	8:00am - 5:00pm
April 23, 2026	Thursday	8:00am - 5:00pm
April 24, 2026	Friday	8:00am - 5:00pm
April 25, 2026	Saturday	7:00am - 7:00pm
April 26, 2026	Sunday	12:00pm - 6:00pm
April 27, 2026	Monday	7:00am - 7:00pm
April 28, 2026	Tuesday	7:00am - 7:00pm

SECTION 5. ELECTION DAY. The elections shall be held jointly with other political subdivisions of Wise County on Saturday, May 2, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 6. JOINT ELECTION CONTRACT. Prior to the election, the City anticipates that it will enter into an agreement for election services with the Wise County Elections Administrator. The City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a Joint Election Contract with the Wise County Elections Administrator for the conduct of a joint election to be held on May 6, 2026, and to execute any amendments.

SECTION 7. ELECTION NOTICES. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to file, publish and/or post, in the time and manner prescribed by law all notices required to be so filed, published, or posted in connection with these elections and to provide and furnish ballot wording to the County election officials.

SECTION 8. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICIALS. All election officials, including but not limited to the Early Voting Clerk and election judges, shall be the officials appointed to such positions by Wise County, and to the extent required by law, are hereby so appointed.

SECTION 9. DIRECT RECORDING SYSTEM. In accordance with Section 123.001 of the Texas Election Code, the Direct Recording Electronic Voting Systems approved by the Secretary of State are hereby adopted for the election on May 6, 2023.

SECTION 10. ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEM. Section 61.012 of the Code requires that the City must provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in Texas election on or after January 1, 2006. The City shall use, in Early Voting and Election Day Voting, a voter assist terminal as approved by the Secretary of State.

SECTION 11. ELECTION MATERIALS. The election materials specified in the Texas Election Code shall be printed in both English and Spanish for use at the polling places and for early voting for the election and provisions shall be made for oral assistance to Spanish speaking voters.

SECTION 12. ELECTION RESPONSIBILITY. The City shall contract with the Wise County Elections Administrator to perform all duties normally performed by the City Secretary in regular elections with respect to early voting, election day voting, and preparing the official ballots.

SECTION 13. The election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the Constitution of the State of Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas, this the 12th day of February 2026, by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas.

Kenneth Crenshaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda DeGan, Interim City Secretary

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