

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO ELECT THE OFFICES OF CITY COUNCIL PLACE 4 AND CITY COUNCIL PLACE 6 TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2026, AND, IF REQUIRED, A RUN-OFF ELECTION ON JUNE 13, 2026; APPROVING A JOINT ELECTION WITH TARRANT COUNTY AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THAT ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Saginaw, Texas, (the "City") is a home rule municipality acting under 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, 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 of a city may be held on that day; and

WHEREAS, the regular election for City Council members of the City is required to be held on May 2, 2026, at which time the voters will elect persons to fill the offices of City Council Place 4 and City Council Place 6; and

WHEREAS, it is the City Council's intent that the election will be held as a joint election, conducted under the authority of Chapter 271 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest to enter into a Joint Election Agreement with Tarrant County (the "Agreement") to provide the most efficient and convenient voting opportunities; and

WHEREAS, by this Resolution, it is the intention of the City Council to designate a polling place for the election to appoint the necessary election officers, to establish and set forth procedures for conducting the election, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for conducting the election.

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

Section 1. Incorporation. The facts and recitations contained in the above preamble of this Resolution are incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section 2. General Election Called. An election is hereby called to elect the offices of City Council Place 4 and City Council Place 6 to serve from May of 2026 until May of 2029, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The election shall be held on May 2, 2026, at the location(s) designated in the Joint Election Agreement, and shall be between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Section 3. Joint Election Agreement Approved. The Mayor is authorized to execute the Agreement in accordance with Chapter 31, Subchapter D of the Code, and any other applicable statutes and laws. In the event of conflict between this Resolution and the Agreement, the Agreement shall control.

Section 4. Application for Place on Ballot. Qualified persons may file as candidates by filing applications with the office of the City Secretary from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, from January 14, 2026, through February 12, 2026; and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., on January 16, January 23, January 30, and February 6, 2026; and from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2026.

Section 5. Early Voting.

a. Early voting clerk. The Tarrant County Elections Administrator, or their successor, is hereby designated as Early Voting Clerk for the special election. Additional Deputy Early Voting Clerks may be appointed, as provided in the Agreement.

b. Early voting by personal appearance. Early voting by personal appearance shall commence April 20, 2026, and shall continue daily, until April 28, 2026, at the locations designated in the Agreement for the joint election. Hours for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., from April 20, 2026, through April 24, 2026; from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on each of April 25, 2026, April 27, 2026, and April 28, 2026; and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on April 26, 2026.

c. Early voting by mail. Clint Ludwig, the Tarrant County Elections Administrator, or his successor, is hereby designated as Early Voting Clerk for the general election. Applications for early voting by mail may be delivered to the Elections Administrator or his successor at the following address: P.O. Box 961011, Fort Worth, Texas 76161 or Express Courier Delivery at 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111, FAX: 817-850-2344, Email: votebymail@tarrantcounty.com, not later than close of business on April 20, 2026. Early voting by mail ballots shall be mailed to the Elections Administrator or his successor at P.O. Box 961011, Fort Worth, Texas 76161-0011.

d. Early voting by Ballot Board. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, shall be canvassed by the Early Voting Ballot Board established by Tarrant County under the terms of the Agreement.

e. Recommended Branch Early Voting Polling Places. The Council finds that the following locations can most adequately and conveniently serve the voters in this election, and that these early voting locations will facilitate the orderly conduct of the election:

1. Saginaw Public Library
304 W. McLeroy Blvd, Saginaw Texas 76179
2. Tarrant County Elections Center

2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76111

Section 6. Appointment of Election Judge and Alternate Election Judge. The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Election Judge shall be appointed by Tarrant County as authorized by Chapter 271 of the Code.

Section 7. Method of Voting. Tarrant County's voting system shall be used for absentee voting by mail, early voting by personal appearance, regular voting on election day, and provisional voting. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials, 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 in the election.

Section 9. Publication and Posting of Notice of Election. Notice of the election shall be given as required by Chapter 4 of the Code.

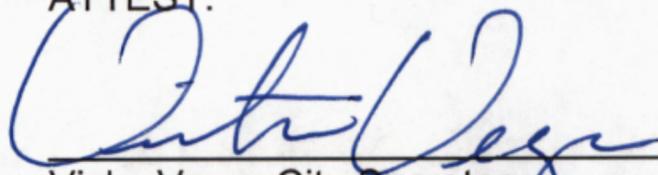
Section 10. Run-Off Election. In the event no candidate receives a majority of votes for an office, there shall be a run-off election held on June 13, 2026.

Section 11. Necessary Actions. The Mayor and the City Secretary of the City, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 12. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of January 2026.

ATTEST:


Vicky Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Todd Flippo, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


Bryn Meredith, City Attorney

