

ORDINANCE NO. 26-001

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF MARLIN, TEXAS FOR SATURDAY MAY 2ND, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE ELECTING THREE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR PRECINCT #2, # 4 AND #6 FOR A TWO YEAR TERM; DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACE(S), SETTING PAY FOR ELECTION WORKERS, SETTING DATES FOR EARLY VOTING, DECLARING EARLY VOTING CLERK, SETTING ADDITIONAL DATES FOR GENERAL ELECTION, DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, by the laws of the State of Texas and the charter of the City of Marlin, Texas, provide that on May 2nd, 2026 there shall be a general municipal election in which the following officials of the City shall be elected:

- One (1) Councilmember for precinct #2
- One (1) Councilmember for precinct #4
- One (1) Councilmember for precinct #6

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Texas and the Chapter of the City of Marlin further provide that the Election Code of the State of Texas is applicable to said election, and in order to comply with said Code, an Ordinance should be passed establishing the procedure to be followed in said election, and designating the voting place(s) for said election, and

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

Section 1: Date of Election: That all independent candidates at the election to be held on Saturday in May 2nd, 2026 for the above mentioned offices file their applications to become candidates no later than February 13th, 2026 by 5:00p.m.(seventy eight (78) day) before the election with the City Secretary of the City of Marlin in City Hall, 101 Fortune, Marlin, Texas and that all said applications shall be on a form as prescribed by Section 141.031 of the Election Code.

Section 2: Drawing for Placement of Names for Official Ballot: 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 on the 20th day of February at 4:00 pm and shall be conducted as prescribed by Section 52.094 of the Election Code.

Section 3: Purchase of Election Supplies: The City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct said election. Voting at such, election shall be upon paper ballots and/or Election Voting Equipment.

Section 4: Precincts, This City has six election Precincts and said election shall be held for Precincts #2, #4, and #6.

Section 5: Designation of Polling Place(s) the polls at the designated polling place(s) shall on said Election Day to be opened from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber of the Marlin City Hall at 101 Fortune Street.

Section 6: Appointment of Early Voting Clerk and Setting of Dates and Times: The City Secretary is hereby appointed clerk for early voting. The early voting for the above said election shall be at the City Secretary's Office in City Hall, 101 Fortune Street, Marlin, Texas 76661 said place of early voting shall remain open at least eight hours each day for the early voting time period which is not a Saturday, Sunday or official state holiday. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted starting on the 20th day of April and end on the 28th day of April, 2026.

Section 7: Appointing Election Judge and Clerks and designating compensation. The City Secretary is hereby authorized to appoint one Election Judge at \$12 per hour and two Election Clerks at \$10 per hour for Election Day and, if necessary, one additional early voting clerk at \$10 per hour for all or part of the early voting period as designated herein.

Section 8: Mail Ballot Applications and Mail Ballots: Mail Ballot Applications shall be requested by contacting the City Secretary's Office at 254-883-1450. Mail ballot applications shall be requested starting on the 1stth day of January until 20th day of April, 2026. All applications must be mailed to City Secretary, PO Box 980 Marlin, TX 76661 or to the physical address of 101 Fortune Street Marlin, TX 76661. Early voting both by personal appearance and by mail shall be by paper ballots and shall be canvassed by the Early Voting Ballot Board.

Section 9: Qualified Voters and Election Returns: Said election shall be held in accordance with the Election Code of this State, and only resident qualified voters of said City shall be eligible to vote at said election. The Mayor shall give notice of this election in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 4.004, 83.004, and 85.007 of the Election Code, and all necessary orders and writs of said the proper authority should issue elections. Returns of said election shall be made to the Mayor immediately after the closing of the polls and required elections transactions have been met.

Section 10: Contract with Falls County Elections Administrator: The City Secretary shall be authorized to contract with Falls County Elections Administrator for election services for Early Voting and on Election Day.

Section 11: Declaring Emergency: It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law and that the public notice of the time, place, date and purpose of said meeting was given as required. The fact that the General City Election must be held in the City of Marlin, Texas on May 2nd , 2026 requires the immediate adoption of the Ordinance and the facts

create an emergency is so declared and this Ordinance is passed and adopted as an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effect immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026





Susan Byrd, Mayor

Maryann Waddle, City Secretary