

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF THE HILLS, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING TWO COUNCILMEMBERS FOR TERMS OF TWO YEARS EACH AND ONE MAYOR FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, as amended (the "Code") establishes the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November as a "uniform election date" for the purpose of conducting general and special elections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Village of the Hills, Texas (the "City Council") may by ordinance order a general election pursuant to Chapter 41 of the Code, and Chapter 23 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the Village of the Hills (the "City") shall conduct a general election to elect two Councilmembers at large for terms of two (2) years each and one Mayor for a term of two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the City has made an agreement to contract with Travis County to conduct the City's election, pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Texas Elections Code and Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code.

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

SECTION 1. The above and foregoing premises are true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. In accordance with the general laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, a General Election is hereby called and ordered for the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2026, the same being the 3rd day of said month, to be held between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. (7:00 a.m.) and seven o'clock p.m. (7:00 p.m.)

SECTION 3. The purpose of the general election is so that all qualified voters residing within the corporate limits of the City may vote for the purpose of electing two Councilmembers and one Mayor for terms of two (2) years each.

SECTION 4. The first day to file for a place on the General Election Ballot is July 18, 2026.

SECTION 5. 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 as provided by Section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 6. The City polling place shall be determined at a later date and posted on the Early Voting Clerks website and the City's website.

SECTION 7. The Village of the Hills city officials are authorized and directed to contract with Travis County Elections for Election Services.

SECTION 8. Dyana Limon-Mercado is hereby appointed as early voting clerk. Early voting shall be conducted at the Austin Permitting and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive, Austin, TX 78752.

Early voting shall take place on the dates and times as follows:

Monday, October 19, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 22, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 23, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 24, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 25, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 26, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 29, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Friday, October 30, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot for early voting by mail shall be requested from and forwarded to the Travis County Elections Department as follows:

Name of Early Voting Clerk:	Dyana Limon-Mercado
Mailing Address:	Travis County Clerk - Elections Division PO Box 149325 Austin, TX 78714-9325
Physical Address:	Travis County Clerk - Elections Division 5501 Airpoli Blvd. Austin, TX 78751
Telephone Number:	512-238-8683
Email Address:	elections@traviscountytx.gov
Early Voting Clerk's Website:	https://elections.traviscountytx.gov

Applications for ballot for voting by mail must be received by the early voting clerk not later than the close of business on Friday, October 23, 2026.

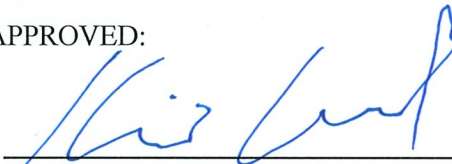
SECTION 10. Said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the Mayor shall give notice of said election in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, and all necessary orders and writs for said election shall be issued by the proper authority. The Mayor, or designee, is hereby authorized to give notice of the election by publication of said notice at least once in the official newspaper of the City, being a newspaper of general circulation within the City, the date of said publication to be not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the Election. The preparation of notices, instructions, orders, or ballot language and other written material pertaining to the Election shall be translated into and furnished to voters in both the English language and the Spanish language in order to aid and assist voters speaking Spanish. Upon publication of the election notice, the City Secretary shall secure a published affidavit.

SECTION 11. Should any part, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase contained in this Ordinance be held to be unconstitutional or of no force and effect, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, but in all respects said remaining portions shall be and remain in full force and effect.

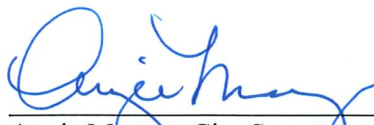
SECTION 12. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the Village of the Hills, Texas, this 9th day of June 2026.

APPROVED:


Kevin Proud, Mayor

ATTEST:


Angie Massey, City Secretary