

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROSENBERG, TEXAS, ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON May 2, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS, FOR ADOPTION OR REJECTION, FIVE (5) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING HOME-RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ROSENBERG, TEXAS, AS AMENDED; AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION.

WHEREAS, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Code") establishes May 2, 2026 as a "uniform election date" for the purposes of conducting an election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rosenberg, Texas, has on its own motion determined to submit to the qualified voters of said City of Rosenberg for their adoption or rejection thereof certain proposed amendments to the existing Home-Rule Charter of the City of Rosenberg, Texas, pursuant to Section 12.11 of the Charter of the City of Rosenberg and Section 9.004(a) of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Texas further provide that Section 3.001 of the Election Code of the State of Texas is applicable to said elections, and in order to comply with said Code, an Order should be passed ordering said election and establishing the procedure to be followed in said election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, pursuant to and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, proposed Charter amendments during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the Rosenberg voters should vote on the following proposed amendments, in the form of propositions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rosenberg, Texas, hereby directs City staff to publish notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the City on the same day in each of two (2) successive weeks, the date of the first publication to be not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the May 2, 2026 election.

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

Section 1. Findings.

That the facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found and declared to be true and correct and are adopted as part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

Section 2. Election Order.

That a special election of the City of Rosenberg, shall be held on Saturday 2nd day of May 2026 between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. (7:00 a.m.) and seven o'clock p.m. (7:00 p.m.) to consider five (5) ballot propositions for amendments to the home-rule charter.

Section 3. Proposed Charter Amendments.

That at the Election the following amendments to the City Charter shall be submitted to the resident, qualified voters of the City of Rosenberg, Texas:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1

Should Section 3.04. Compensation., of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Rosenberg be amended in order to increase the maximum compensation for city council members and for the mayor?

Sec. 3.04. Compensation.

The city council shall fix the compensation to be received by its members; provided, however, that no council member shall receive more than ~~four-six~~ hundred dollars (\$~~400600~~.00) per month and the mayor shall not receive more than ~~five-seven~~ hundred dollars (\$~~500700~~.00) per month.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2

Should Section 3.14. Comprehensive Plan., of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Rosenberg be amended in order to remove the requirement that the City Council adopt, implement, and review a comprehensive plan?

Sec. 3.14. Comprehensive Plan.

- ~~(a) The City Council shall adopt and implement a comprehensive plan to guide, regulate, and manage the future development within the corporate limits and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City, and to assure the most appropriate and beneficial use of land, water, and other natural resources, consistent with the public interest.~~
- ~~(b) The comprehensive plan shall be reviewed and adopted no less than every five years.~~

[Deleted in its entirety]

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3

Should a new Section 3.15. Benefits., of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Rosenberg be added in order to permit City Council members to participate in the City's health insurance plan on the same terms as full-time City employees?

Sec. 3.15. Benefits.

Each Councilmember shall be eligible to participate in any group health insurance available to full-time City employees.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 4

Should Section 6.02. Form of recall, initiative and referendum petition, generally., of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Rosenberg be amended in order to eliminate the requirement to file a notice of intent to circulate a petition with the City Secretary prior to circulating a petition for recall, initiative or referendum to read as follows:

Sec. 6.02. Form of recall, initiative and referendum petition, generally.

- (a) Any registered voter of the City may commence recall, initiative, or referendum proceedings by filing with the City Secretary a petition as required by this Article, ~~provided that the registered voter must file with the City Secretary a Notice of Intent to circulate a petition before circulating the petition.~~ For a recall petition only, The Notice of Intent to circulate a petition required by this subsection must be filed at least six months after the election of the person sought to be removed and must be filed prior to the date of signing of each signature contained in the petition.
- (b) At least one signer of the petition must swear or affirm before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths that each signature on the petition was made by the person whose signature it purports to be, and that oath must be memorialized on the petition.
- (c) A petition is valid if:
- (1) The petition complies with the applicable requirements of this Article and Chapter 277, Texas Election Code, ~~and~~
 - ~~(2) The petition is filed after the notice of intent to circulate a petition is properly filed under subsection (a), if applicable.~~
- (d) Not later than the tenth business day after the date a petition is filed, the City Secretary shall review the petition and determine whether the petition is valid. If the City Secretary determines the petition is valid, the City Secretary shall attach a certificate to the petition stating that the petition is valid and submit the petition and certificate to the City Council as soon as practicable. If the City Secretary determines that the petition is not valid:
- (1) The City Secretary shall attach a certificate to the petition stating the facts supporting the determination that the petition is not valid;
 - (2) The City Secretary shall notify the person who filed the petition of the City Secretary's determination;
 - (3) The City Secretary shall return the petition to the person who filed it; and
 - (4) The petition may be amended or supplemented and resubmitted not later than the tenth business day after the date of the certification under Subdivision (1). The City Secretary shall determine the validity of a petition resubmitted under this subdivision in the same manner as the original submission except that, if the City Secretary determines the petition is not valid, then the petition may not be further amended or supplemented.
- (e) The petition may consist of one or more copies, or subscription lists, circulated separately, and the signatures thereto may be upon the paper or papers containing the form of petition, or upon other papers attached thereto. Verifications provided for in this article may be made by one or more petitioners, and the several parts or copies of the petition may be filed separately and by different persons; but no signatures to such petition shall remain effective or be counted which were placed thereon more than forty-five days prior to the filing of such petition or petitions with the person performing the duties of city secretary. All papers comprising a recall petition shall be filed with the person performing the duties of city secretary on the same day, and the said secretary shall immediately notify, in writing, the officer so sought to be removed, by mailing such notice to his Rosenberg address. City Council shall adopt a form of a petition for recall, initiative and referendum petitions by ordinance.

[Portions deleted]

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 5

Should Section 9.01. Power to borrow money., of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Rosenberg be amended in order to require a unanimous vote of the entire City Council to authorize Certificates of Obligation to read as follows:

Sec. 9.01. Power to borrow money.

- (a) In keeping with the Constitution of Texas, and not contrary thereto, the City of Rosenberg shall have the right to issue, as provided herein, all tax bonds, revenue bonds, funding and refunding bonds, time warrants and other evidence of indebtedness as now authorized or as may hereafter be authorized to be issued by cities and towns by the General Laws of the State of Texas.
- (b) The City of Rosenberg shall not authorize or issue Certificates of Obligation unless authorized by an ordinance with an unanimous vote ~~of two-thirds (2/3) approval~~ of the entire City Council.

[Portions deleted and replaced]

Section 6. Polling places and procedures

The election precincts for the Election shall consist of the territory within the boundaries of the City situated within one or more County election precincts which bear the precinct numbers set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein. The voting location for voting on Election Day for each election precinct shall be as set forth in Exhibit A, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the County Elections Administrator as provided in the Joint Election Agreement. On Election Day the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 7. Early voting: Early Voting Polling Place.

Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days set forth in Exhibit B, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the Administrator. Exhibit B shall be modified to reflect any alterations or changes in or additions to early voting polling places or times for early voting required to conform to the Code or the Election Agreement or as directed by the Administrator. The Administrator is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk. The Administrator's contact information/delivery addresses for applications for ballots to be voted by mail and other matters related to the Election is as follows:

Administrator: Chase Wilson

Official Mailing Address: 301 Jackson St. Richmond, Texas 77469

Physical Address: 3730 Bamore Road, Rosenberg, Texas 77471-2133

E-mail Address: vote@fortbendcountytexas.gov

Phone Number: (281) 341-8670

Fax Number: (281) 341-4418

Website Address: <https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/elections-voter-registration>

Section 8. Joint Election.

The City has agreed to participate in a joint election with other participating governmental entities in the County who are also holding elections on Election Day and will contract with the County Elections Administrator for election services as provided in the Election Services Agreement.

Section 9. Appointment of Election Officers.

The election judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election shall be appointed, the election judges and alternate judges may be changed, polling places may be combined for some precincts, and the central counting station shall be established and staffed as all provided in the Joint Election Agreement. Further, the Mayor is hereby authorized to appoint any such other officials not designated herein or appointed pursuant to the Joint Election Agreement as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Code and other applicable law.

Section 10. Election Compliance.

This election shall be held in accordance with, and shall be governed by, the election laws of the State of Texas. In all City elections, the Mayor, City Secretary, or City Council shall perform each act as is required to be performed, in connection with the holding and consummation of such election, and to give effect to the intent of this Ordinance.

Section 11. Voting Qualification; Voting Materials.

That all registered, qualified voters of the City shall be permitted to vote at the election. In addition, the election materials enumerated in the Texas Election Code, as amended, shall be printed in English and Spanish for use at the polling places and for early voting for the Election.

Section 12. Notices.

That the City Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to publish and post the required notices in the manner and for the time periods required by law:

- (a) Publishing the notice of the election at least once, not more than thirty (30) days nor less than (14) days before the election in the official newspaper of the City;
- (b) Filing with the City Secretary, a copy of the notice of the election;
- (c) Posting a copy of the notice on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council at least twenty-one (21) days before the election;
- (d) Publish notice of the charter amendment election in a newspaper of general circulation in the City on the same day in each of two (2) successive weeks, the date of the first publication to be not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the election.

The City Secretary shall file a copy of the Publisher's Affidavit, which complies with the Texas Election Code, as amended, that the notice was published, with the name of the newspaper and the dates of publication.

Section 13. Statement of Fiscal Impact.

Pursuant to Section 9.004(c)(2) of the Texas Local Government Code, (requiring a statement of the anticipated fiscal impact to the City if the proposed amendments are approved), the City asserts it is difficult to accurately account for the fiscal impact for all of each of the proposed amendments in light of the peculiar unknown effect to the actual operation of the City government, but an overall analysis reflects that there will be negligible or no fiscal impact to the probable economic cost to the City if one or all of the proposed amendments are approved.

Section 14. Severability Clause.

If any word, section, article, phrase, paragraph, sentence, clause, or portion of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this Ordinance despite such invalidity which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 15. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and publication in accordance with and as provided by law and the City Charter.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 6 "ayes" in favor, 0 "noes" against, and 1 abstentions on this first and final reading in full compliance with the provisions of Section 3.10 of the Charter of the City of Rosenberg on the 3rd day of February 2026.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Danyel Swint, TRMC, City Secretary


William Benton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney
Randle Law Office



Exhibit "A" to Ordinance No. 2026-05
SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

Fort Bend County Election Day Schedule
May 2, 2026 Municipal Election
Horario del día de Elecciones del condado de Fort Bend
Elecciones municipales del 2 de mayo de 2026

<i>Polls Open 7:00 AM- 7:00 PM</i>				
COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE	Voting Location	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
Beasley City Hall	CITY HALL BACK BOARDROOM	319 S. Third ST	BEASLEY	77417
Bowie Middle School	Main Hallway by Gym	700 Plantation DR	RICHMOND	77406
Brazos Bend Baptist Church	Education Building	22311 FM 762 RD	NEEDVILLE	77461
Catvary Baptist Church	Fellowship Hall	4111 Airport AVE	ROSENBERG	77471
Chasewood Clubhouse	Level 1 (Clubhouse Facility)	7622 Chasewood DR	MISSOURI CITY	77489
Cinco Ranch Branch Library	Meeting Room	2620 Commercial Center BLVD	KATY	77494
Commonwealth Clubhouse	Clubhouse	4330 Knightsbridge BLVD	SUGAR LAND	77479
Crawford High School	TBD	801 Caldwell Ranch BLVD	ROSHARON	77583
Crockett Middle School	Girls Gym	19001 Beechnut ST	RICHMOND	77407
Dickenson Elementary School		7110 Greatwood PKWY	SUGAR LAND	77479
Election Office	Training Room	3730 Barnore Road	Rosenberg	77471
Elkins High School	Front lobby	7007 Knights CT	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Farmhouse at Harvest Green	Event Hall	3400 Harvest Corner DR	RICHMOND	77406
FBC ESD No. 4 Admin. Bldg.	Training Room	33301 FM 1093	Fulshear	77441
Firethorne Clubhouse	Main Room	28100 N Firethorne Road	KATY	77494
First Baptist Church Fresno	TBD	4501 FM 521 RD	FRESNO	77545
Fort Settlement Middle School	TBD	26000 S. Williams RD	SUGAR LAND	77479
Four Corners Community Center	Community Center	11700 Old Richmond RD	SUGAR LAND	77498
Fulshear Branch Library	Meeting Room	6350 GM Library RD	FULSHEAR	77441
Gallery Furniture	Atrium	7227 W Grand PKWY S	RICHMOND	77407
Garcia Middle School	Gym Area Hallway	18550 Old Richmond RD	SUGAR LAND	77498
George Bush High School	Gym Foyer	6707 FM 1464	RICHMOND	77407
George Memorial Library	Large Meeting Room, 1st	1001 GotView DR	RICHMOND	77469
Great Oaks Baptist Church	Fellowship Building	7101 FM 2759 RD	RICHMOND	77469
Hightower High School	Front Lobby	8333 Hurricane LN	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Hunters Glen Elementary School	Gym	1600 Independence BLVD	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Jacks Conference Center	Meeting Room	3222 Austin PKWY	SUGAR LAND	77479
Jones Creek Ranch Park	Main Room	7714 FM 359 RD	RICHMOND	77406
Jordan High School	PAC Lobby	27500 Fulshear Bend DR	FULSHEAR	77441
Joy Lutheran Church	Parish Hall	717 FM 359 RD	RICHMOND	77406
Kempner High School	Room #3	14777 Voss RD	SUGAR LAND	77498
Kendleton Church of God	ED Building	619 FM 2919 RD	KENDLETON	77417
Kroger Riverstone	Community Room	18861 University BLVD	SUGAR LAND	77479
Lake Olympia Clubhouse	Ballroom	180 Island BLVD	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Lakes of Bella Terra Recreation Center	TBD	11620 W Torino Reale DR	RICHMOND	77406
Lantern Lane Elementary School	cafeteria	3323 Mission Valley DR	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Lexington Creek Elementary School	Gymnasium	2335 Dulles AVE	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Living Word Lutheran Church	Life Center - Courtyard Side	3700 S Mason RD	KATY	77450
Lost Creek Conference Center	Meeting Room	3703 Lost Creek BLVD	SUGAR LAND	77478
M.R. Massey Admin. Bldg.	Event Space	1570 W. Sycamore RD	FRESNO	77545
Maryam Islamic Center	Multi-purpose Area/Room	504 Sartaria RD	SUGAR LAND	77479
Meadows Place City Hall	Council Chambers	1 Troyan DR	MEADOWS PLACE	77477
Merrell Center	Meeting Rooms	6301 S Stadium LN	KATY	77494
Mission Bend Branch Library	Main Room	8421 Addicks Clodine RD	HOUSTON	77083
Missouri City Baptist Church	Multipurpose Building	16816 Quail Park DR	MISSOURI CITY	77489
Missouri City Parks and Recreation	Multipurpose Room 1	2701 Cypress Point DR	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Oak Lake Baptist Church	Church Sanctuary	15555 W Airport BLVD	SUGAR LAND	77498
Orchard City Hall	Room # 7	9714 Kibler ST	ORCHARD	77464
Pinnacle Senior Center	Multi-purpose Room	5525 Hobby ST	HOUSTON	77053
Quail Valley Elementary School	Gym	3500 Quail Village DR	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Quail Valley Fund Office	Board Room	3603 Glenn Lakes LN	MISSOURI CITY	77459

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Elecciones municipales del 2 de mayo de 2026

<i>Polls Open 7:00 AM- 7:00 PM</i>				
COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE	Voting Location	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
Reese Technical Center	T107	12300 University BLVD	SUGAR LAND	77479
Richmond Water Mnt. Facility	1st room to the right	110 N 8th ST	RICHMOND	77469
Ridge Point High School	Gym Foyer	500 Waters Lake BLVD	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Ridgegate Community Association	Main Room	5855 W Ridgecreek DR	HOUSTON	77489
Ridgemont Early Childhood Center	Extended Day Room	5353 Ridge Creek Cir	HOUSTON	77053
River Park Recreation Center	Rec Center	5875 Summit Creek DR	SUGAR LAND	77479
Road and Bridge (Needville)	Meeting Room	3743 School ST	NEEDVILLE	77461
Rosenberg Annex Building	Meeting Room A or B	4520 Reading RD	ROSENBERG	77471
Rosenberg City Hall	TBD	2110 4th ST	ROSENBERG	77471
Seven Lakes High School	PAC Lobby	9251 S Fry RD	KATY	77494
Sienna Annex	Community Room	5855 Sienna Springs WA	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Stafford City Hall	Large Conference Room	2610 S Main ST	STAFFORD	77477
Sugar Lakes Clubhouse	Clubhouse	930 Sugar Lake DR	SUGAR LAND	77478
Sugar Land Branch Library	Meeting Room	550 Eldridge RD	SUGAR LAND	77478
Sugar Land Church of God	Fellowship Hall	1714 Eldridge RD	SUGAR LAND	77478
Sugar Land City Hall	Main Room	2700 Town Center BLVD N	SUGAR LAND	77479
T. E. Harman Center	Meeting Room	228 Range WAY	SUGAR LAND	77478
Thompsons City Hall	Community Center	520 Thompson Oil Field RD	THOMPSONS	77481
Tompkins High School	PAC Lobby	4400 Falcon Landing BLVD	KATY	77494
Townwest Towne Hall	Main Room	10322 Old Towne LN	SUGAR LAND	77498
University Branch Library	Meeting Room 2	14010 University BLVD	SUGAR LAND	77479
Vadtal Dham Shree Swaminarayan Temple	TBD	10825 Ctodine	RICHMOND	77407

Total Sites = 73

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Fort Bend County Early Voting Schedule
May 2, 2026 Municipal Election
Horario de Votación Temprana del condado de Fort Bend
Elecciones municipales del 2 de mayo de 2026

Early Voting Locations	Monday - Friday April 20 - 24, 2026 (lunes - viernes) (20 - 24 de abril de 2026)	Saturday April 25, 2026 (sábado) (25 de abril de 2026)	Sunday April 26, 2026 (domingo) (26 de abril de 2026)	Monday - Tuesday April 27 - 28, 2026 (lunes - martes) (27 - 28 de abril de 2026)
Cinco Ranch Branch Library 2620 Commercial Center Blvd, Katy	All sites are	All sites are	All sites are	All sites are
Commonwealth Clubhouse 4330 Knightsbridge Blvd, Sugar Land	Open 7:00 A.M.	Open 7:00 A.M.	Open 12:00 Noon	Open 7:00 A.M.
Elections Office (MAIN EARLY VOTING SITE) 3730 Bamore Rd, Rosenberg	To	To	To	To
FBCESD No. 4 Admin Bldg. 33301 FM 1093 Rd, Fulshear	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Four Corners Community Center 15700 Old Richmond Rd, Sugar Land	(Todos los sitios	(Todos los sitios	(Todos los sitios	(Todos los sitios
Jacks Conference Center 3232 Austin Pkwy, Sugar Land	están abiertos	están abiertos	están abiertos	están abiertos
Kroger Riverstone 18861 University Blvd, Sugar Land	7:00 A.M.	7:00 A.M.	12:00 Mediodía	7:00 A.M.
Meadows Place City Hall 1 Troyan Dr, Meadows Place	Para	Para	Para	Para
Road and Bridge (Needville) 3743 School St, Needville	7:00 P.M.)	7:00 P.M.)	7:00 P.M.)	7:00 P.M.)
Rosenberg Annex 4520 Reading Rd, Rosenberg				
Stemma Annex 5855 Stemma Springs Way, Missouri City				
Beasley City Hall 319 3rd Street, Beasley	All sites are	All sites are	All sites are Closed están cerrado)	All sites are
Bowie Middle 700 Plantation Dr, Richmond	Open 7:00 A.M.	Open 7:00 A.M.		Open 7:00 A.M.
Chasewood Clubhouse 7622 Chasewood Dr, Missouri City	To	To		To
Crawford High School 801 Caldwell Ranch Blvd, Rosenberg	7:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.		7:00 P.M.
Crockett Middle School 19001 Beechmi Dr, Richmond	(Todos los sitios	(Todos los sitios		(Todos los sitios
Fulshear Branch Library 6350 Gnd Library Blvd, Fulshear	están abiertos	están abiertos		están abiertos
George Memorial Library 1001 Golfview Dr, Richmond	7:00 A.M.	7:00 A.M.		7:00 A.M.
Great Lake Baptist Church 7100 M. 159 Rd, Richmond	Para	Para		Para
Hightower HS 3333 Hightower Ln, Missouri City	7:00 P.M.)	7:00 P.M.)		7:00 P.M.)
Lost Creek Conference Center 3703 Lost Creek Blvd, Sugar Land				
Quail Valley Fund Office 3603 Glenn Lakes Ln, Missouri City				
Reese Technical Center 12300 University Dr, Sugar Land				
Richmond Water Maintenance Facility 110 N 8th Street, Richmond				
Sugar Land Branch Library 550 Elbridge Rd, Sugar Land				

Total Early Voting Sites = 25