

**CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. ____-2026**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION REQUIRING COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS TO OFFER ANNUAL ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACTS TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR MAY ELECTIONS; SUPPORTING THE INTEGRITY, CONSISTENCY, AND PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Joshua recognizes that free, fair, accurate, and transparent elections are fundamental to maintaining public confidence in representative government; and

WHEREAS, municipal elections are conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and require strict compliance with complex and continually evolving state laws, regulations, and procedures; and

WHEREAS, City Secretaries serve as the chief election officials for many municipalities while simultaneously carrying out numerous other statutory responsibilities on behalf of their communities; and

WHEREAS, County Election Administrators are specifically trained, staffed, and equipped to administer elections and maintain expertise in election procedures, voting systems, election security, accessibility, and legal compliance; and

WHEREAS, allowing municipalities the opportunity to contract annually with County Election Administrators promotes consistency, professionalism, efficiency, and public confidence in the administration of elections throughout the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, current law does not require counties to offer election services contracts to municipalities on an annual basis, resulting in inconsistent practices among counties and unequal access to professional election administration services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that all Texas municipalities, regardless of size, should have the opportunity to utilize the expertise and resources of their County Election Administrator when conducting May municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, legislation requiring County Election Administrators to offer annual election services contracts for municipal May elections would:

- Strengthen the integrity, security, and public confidence of municipal elections;
- Promote statewide consistency in election administration;
- Reduce the risk of inadvertent noncompliance with increasingly complex election laws;
- Ensure municipalities have access to trained election professionals and specialized resources; and
- Enhance the efficient and effective administration of elections throughout Texas.

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

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Joshua hereby expresses its support for legislation that would require County Election Administrators to offer annual election services contracts to municipalities for May elections.

Section 2. The City Council respectfully encourages the Texas Legislature to consider and enact legislation that promotes uniformity, professionalism, and integrity in municipal election administration by ensuring municipalities have the opportunity to contract with their County Election Administrator on an annual basis.

Section 3. The City Council directs the City Secretary to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Greg Abbott, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, State Representative Helen Kerwin, State Representative David Cook, State Representative Matt Shaheen, State Senator Phil King, Texas Secretary of State, Texas Municipal League Government Relations, and the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, and any other appropriate legislative or governmental organizations advocating for sound election administration.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Joshua, Texas, this 20th day of August, 2026.

Scott Kimble
Mayor of Joshua

ATTEST:

Alice Holloway, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary