

ORDINANCE NO. 031226-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS, DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 2, 2026, GENERAL CITY ELECTION, ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELING THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the general city election was called for May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing members to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Secretary has certified in writing that there is no proposition on the ballot, that no person has made a declaration of write-in candidacy, and that each candidate on the ballot is unopposed for election to office; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State's recommended first day that an election may be canceled and all filing deadlines have passed (February 13th 2026); and

WHEREAS, under these circumstances, Subchapter C, Chapter 2, Election Code, authorizes the Board of Aldermen to declare the candidates elected to office and cancel the election.

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

SECTION 1. The following candidates, who are unopposed in the May 2, 2026, general city election, are declared elected to office and shall be issued certificates of election following the time the election would have been canvassed:

Gary Gilbert, Mayor
Dianell Recker, Councilmember

SECTION 2. The May 2, 2026, general city election is canceled, and the City Secretary is directed to cause a copy of this ordinance to be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

SECTION 3. It is declared to be the intent of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance is declared invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance since the City Council would have enacted them without the invalid portion.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED this, the 12th day of March, 2026.

Martin Poore, Mayor

ATTEST:

Madison Farrow, City Secretary

Legal: