

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELLER, TEXAS, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2025, TO SUBMIT A PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY REGARDING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4.01 – ELECTIONS OF THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Keller, Texas is authorized under Section 9.004 of the Texas Local Government Code to submit proposed amendments to the City Charter to the voters for their approval at an election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it advisable to call a special election for the purpose of submitting a proposition to the qualified voters of the City regarding the scheduling of regular city elections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council declares that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act; and

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

Section 1: THAT, the findings set forth above are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2: THAT, a special election shall be held in the City of Keller, Texas on Tuesday, November 3, 2025, a uniform election date, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City a proposed amendment to the City Charter, specifically Section 4.01 – Elections, as outlined in Section 9 of this Ordinance.

Section 3: THAT, the election shall be held jointly with Tarrant County, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and applicable provisions of the Texas Local Government Code.

Section 4: THAT, early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at locations, dates, and times to be designated in the joint election agreement with Tarrant County. The Tarrant County Elections Administrator shall serve as the early voting clerk.

- Section 5: THAT, applications for a ballot by mail shall be received and processed by the Tarrant County Elections Administrator in accordance with the Texas Election Code.
- Section 6: THAT, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed and conducted in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese as required by law.
- Section 7: THAT, The City Secretary is hereby directed to publish and post the notice of this election in accordance with the Texas Election Code and City Charter requirements.
- Section 8: THAT, the proposition shall be submitted to the voters in substantially the following form:

City of Keller – Proposition A

“Shall Section 4.01 of the City Charter be amended to move the City’s general elections from May to the November uniform election date each year, beginning in 2027; to maintain three-year staggered terms for all elected officials; and to authorize one-time adjustments to councilmember terms necessary to align all positions with the new schedule?”

For
Against

- Section 9: THAT, if approved by the voters, Section 4.01 of the Charter shall be amended as follows:

Beginning in November 2027, regular city elections shall be held on the November uniform election date, or as that date may be amended by state law. Councilmembers, including the Mayor, shall serve three-year staggered terms, with elections held each year to fill expiring terms.

To implement this transition:

- The May 2026 election shall proceed as scheduled for the Mayor and Council Places 5 and 6, with those terms ending in November 2029.
- The November 2027 election shall include Council Places 1 and 2, with terms ending in November 2030.

- The November 2028 election shall include Council Places 3 and 4, with terms ending in November 2031.

After the transition:

- Council elections shall be held every November, with seats scheduled for election on a rotating basis according to the expiration of their three-year terms.

Section 10: THAT, if any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder shall not be affected.

Section 11: THAT, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.

Passed and approved by a vote of _ to _ on this the 5th day of August, 2025.

CITY OF KELLER, TEXAS

By: _____
Armin R. Mizani, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Ballard, City Secretary

Approved as to Form and Legality:

L. Stanton Lowry, City Attorney