ORDINANCE NO. 2025-36

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUDA, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF BUDA, TEXAS, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025 FOR THE PURPOSES OF ELECTING TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EARLY VOTING LOCATION AND POLLING PLACE FOR THIS ELECTION; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF BUDA, IF NECESSARY

- WHEREAS, the City of Buda ("hereinafter "City"), has found a necessity under the Charter of the City of Buda, Texas and the laws of the State of Texas to hold a general election to fill the positions of Councilmember At-Large Position 1 and Councilmember Single Member District c; and
- WHEREAS, the Texas Election Code places a legal duty upon the City to call the election by order; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City's Charter requires a general election to be called and the City has chosen to call the general election by ordinance; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City finds that approving a general election in this instance is in the best interest of the public and the City and hereby authorizes the execution, delivery, approval or acceptance, as applicable, of the documents referenced herein; and
- WHEREAS, the City will hold a general election on November 4, 2025, to fill the position of Councilmember At-Large Position 1 and Councilmember Single Member District C, for a term ending November 2028, to be elected by a majority of those votes cast;
- whereas, should any candidate for an office in the general municipal election fail to receive a majority of all the votes cast for such office, then in that event, it shall be the duty of the City Council to order a runoff election for each position to which no one was elected as required by Section 4.05 of the City Charter; and
- WHEREAS, the election will be held as a joint election pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code and a joint election agreement to be entered into with the City and the other participating entities located in Hays County, which are holding on said Election Date; and
- **WHEREAS**, the meetings at which this Ordinance is considered are open to the public as required by law, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meetings was given as required by Title 5, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

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

Section 1. RECITALS.

The recitals set forth in the preamble hereof are incorporated herein and shall have the same force and effect as if set forth in this Section. Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning assigned in the preamble hereof unless otherwise defined.

Section 2. CALLING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

A general election will be held on November 4, 2025, in the City of Buda, Texas, for the purpose of electing a regular City officer as listed below:

- a. one (1) City Councilmember be elected for At-Large Position 1 by a majority of those votes cast; and
- b. one (1) City Councilmember be elected for Single Member District (SMD) C by a majority of those votes cast.

Section 3. CALLING OF A RUNOFF ELECTION.

In the event that in the general election or special election herein ordered for any office, no candidate receives a majority of all the votes cast for such office, and the City Council calls for a run-off election for each such position, there shall be held a run-off election pursuant to Section 4.05 of the City of Buda City Charter, to be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., which shall not be earlier than twenty (20) days before, or forty-five (45) days after, the date of completion of the final canvass of the main election. (EC 2.025)

Section 4. JOINT ELECTION, ELECTION DATE, POLLING PLACES, AND ELECTION JUDGES.

Joint Election. The City is located in Hays County, and therefore, the Hays County Elections Administrator is conducting the election pursuant to an election agreement (the "Election Agreement") between the City and Hays County as authorized under Section 31.092 of the Texas Election Code. The election shall be held as a joint election pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code and a joint election agreement to be entered into between the City and the other participating entities located in Hays County, which are holding an election on [ELECTION DATE].

Election Date. An election shall be held in the City as prescribed by applicable law between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on November 4, 2025.

Precincts and Polling Places. The City election precincts and polling places within the City designated for holding the election shall be determined by Hays County and conducted at the polling places used for the Hays County General Election, which will be attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to this Ordinance, and such exhibit is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. **Exhibit "A"** may be revised as necessary to conform to the final polling locations as instructed by Hays County. Hays County's election equipment shall be used to conduct the election. The City's Internet website is: https://budatx.gov/.

Election Judges. The election judges shall be appointed in accordance with the Election Agreement and the Texas Election Code, as amended. The City Council hereby appoints, for the term of such election, the presiding election judge(s) and alternate election judge(s) as being those designated by the Hays County Elections Administrator.

Section 5. ELECTION CLERK.

Unless otherwise directed by the County, the Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two nor more than five resident qualified electors of the City to act as clerks to properly conduct the election. However, if the Presiding Judge appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall serve as one of the clerks. The appointment of such clerks must include a person fluent in the Spanish language to serve as a clerk to render oral aid in the Spanish language to any voter desiring such aid at the polls on election day. In the absence of the Presiding Judge, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall perform the duties of the Presiding Judge.

Section 6. DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES FOR EARLY VOTING.

Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall be conducted at the dates, times, and polling places as attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** to this Ordinance, and such exhibit is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. Exhibit "A" may be revised as necessary to conform to the final early voting polling locations as instructed by Hays County.

Early Voting Clerk. The City Council hereby appoints the Hays County Elections Administrator as the City of Buda Election Officer and Early Voting Clerk. The Early Voting Clerk's mailing address to which applications for ballots by mail may be sent is as follows:

Jennifer Doinoff Hays County Elections Administrator 712 South Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1045 San Marcos, Texas 78666

Additional contact information for the Early Voting Clerk is provided below:

Telephone: (512) 393-7310 Email: <u>elections@co.hays.tx.us</u>

Website: Hays County Voter Registration (hayscountytx.com)

(https://www.hayscountytx.gov/elections/voter-registration) and
Ballot by Mail: BBM & UOCAVA | Hays County Govt (hayscountytx.com)

(https://www.hayscountytx.gov/elections/bbm-and-uocava)

Section 7. VOTING BY MAIL.

Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the City shall be submitted by personal delivery not later than October 24, 2025, or shall be mailed to the address in Section 6 and received (not postmarked) by October 24, 2025. [EC 84.007(d)]

Section 8. CONDUCT AND CANVASS OF ELECTION.

Said elections shall be conducted and the results canvassed and announced as prescribed by the General Election and Special Election Laws of the State of Texas, as amended, and only duly qualified electors shall be qualified to vote.

Section 9. EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARDS.

The early voting ballot board is hereby created to process early voting results, and the Presiding Judge of the board will be appointed by the Hays County Elections Administrator. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two nor more than eighteen resident qualified electors to serve as members of the Early Voting Ballot Board.

Section 10. VOTERS.

All residents, qualified electors of the City of Buda, Texas, shall be entitled to vote at the election.

Section 11. CUSTODIAN OF ELECTION RECORDS.

The Hays County Elections Administrator shall serve as the custodian of voted ballots, and the City Clerk of Buda, Texas, shall be appointed as custodian of all other election records.

Section 12. NOTICE.

Posting. A copy of this Ordinance, with such omissions authorized by law, shall serve as proper notice of the election. Such notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted on the bulletin board used by the City to post notices of meetings and at City Hall not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date the election is to be held, and shall remain posted through election day. [EC 4.003(b)]

Publication. A copy of this Ordinance, with such omissions allowed by law, shall serve as a proper notice of the election. Such notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published in The Hays Free Press, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, occurring not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day or later than the tenth (10th) day prior to the day of the election. [EC §4.003(a)(1)]

Authorization to City Clerk. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish and post the required notices in the manner and for the time periods required by law.

Section 13. VOTING DEVICES.

Electronic optical scan voting devices may be used in conducting the election. The Hays County Elections Administrator may also utilize a central counting station as provided by Section 127.000 et seq., as amended, Texas Election Code. Any central counting station presiding judge, and the alternate presiding judge shall be appointed in accordance with the Election Agreement and the Texas Election Code. The Hays County Elections Administrator is currently using election systems and software certified by the Texas Secretary of State.

The City Council of the City of Buda, Texas, finds as follows:

Section 61.012, Texas Election Code, requires that at least one accessible voting station must be provided in each polling place used in a Texas election. Such system must comply with state and federal laws setting the requirements for voting systems that (i) fully comply with applicable laws relating to accessible voting systems which make voting accessible for

disabled voters; and (ii) provide a practical and effective means for voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. The Office of the Texas Secretary of State has certified that the DRE - Election Systems and Software iVotronic is an accessible voting system that may legally be used in Texas elections.

Sections 123.032 and 123.035, Texas Election Code, authorize the acquisition of voting systems by local political subdivisions and further mandate certain minimum requirements for contracts relating to the acquisition of such voting systems. As chief elections officer for the City of Buda, the Hays County Elections Administrator shall provide at least one Verity Duo Hybrid Voting System component from Hart Intercivic, Inc. ("Hart") in each polling place at every polling location used to conduct any election. The Hart may be acquired by any legal means available to the City of Buda, including but not limited to lease or rental from Hays County or from any other legal source, as authorized or required by Sections 123.032 and 123.035 of the Texas Election Code.

Section 14. PROVIDING FOR REPEAL.

Any and all other ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 15. SEVERABILITY.

The terms and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable in that if any portion of this Ordinance shall be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED on first and final reading on this 15th day of July, 2025.

CITY OF BUDA, TEXAS

Lee Urbanovsky, Mayor

ATTEST

Alicia Ramirez,



November 4, 2025 General Election Vote Center Locations Main Early Voting Site: Hays County Elections Office



Jennifer Doinoff, Elections Administrator: (512) 393-7310

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct.	October 19	20 Early Voting 8 am – 5 pm	21 Early Voting 8 am – 5 pm	22 Early Voting 8 am – 5 pm	23 Early Voting 8 am – 5 pm	24 Early Voting 8 am – 5 pm	25 Early Voting 10 am-6 pm
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Nov	2	3	Election Day				

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✓	1	Broadway (Christus Trinity Clinic)	401 Broadway Street #A			
	✓	Brookdale San Marcos North	1720 Old Ranch Road 12			
	✓	Calvary Baptist Church	1906 North Interstate 35 Frontage Road			
	✓	Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos	211 Lee Street			
	✓	Dunbar Center	801 West Martin Luther King Drive			
	✓	First Baptist Church San Marcos	325 West McCarty Lane			
✓	1	Hays County Elections Office Main Early Voting Site	120 Stagecoach Trail			
	✓	La Cima Amenity Center	301 A Central Park Loop			
1	√	LBJ Student Center, Texas State University	601 University Drive			
	✓	Promiseland Church	1650 Lime Kiln Road			
	✓	San Marcos Fire Department Station #5	100 Carlson Circle			
	1	San Marcos Housing Authority / C.M. Allen Homes	820 Sturgeon Drive			
	✓	San Marcos Public Library	625 East Hopkins Street			
	1	Sinai Pentecostal Church	208 Laredo Street			
	1	South Hays Fire Department Station #12	8301 Ranch Road 12			

Early Voting	Election Day	<u>Buda</u>				
1	1	Buda City Hall – Multipurpose Room	405 East Loop Street, Building 100			
	1	Child Nutrition, HCISD Support Services	5750 Dacy Lane			
	1	Hays Hills Baptist Church	1401 North FM 1626			
	1	Southern Hills Church of Christ	3740 FM 967			
✓	1	Sunfield Station	2610 Main Street			
	✓	Upper Campus, Buda Elementary School (Kunkel Room, historic school site)	300 North San Marcos Street			

Early Voting	Election Day	<u>Kyle</u>			
	✓	Austin Community College, Hays Campus	1200 Kohlers Crossing		
	√	Gemstone Palace	1101 Bunton Creek Road, Suite 200		
✓	√	HCISD Academic Support Center	21003 Interstate 35 Frontage Road		
✓	✓	Kyle City Hall	100 West Center Street		
✓	✓	Main Office, HCISD Transportation	2385 High Road, Uhland		
	√	Philomena, The: Assisted Living & Memory Care	500 Blanco Street		
	√	Precinct 2 Office, Hays County	5458 FM 2770		
✓	√	Yarrington, Hays County Transportation Department	2171 Yarrington Road		
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✓	✓	Texan Academy at Scudder	400 Green Acres Drive		
	✓	VFW Post #6441	401 Jacobs Well Road		
✓	✓	Wimberley Community Center, Blanco Room	14068 Ranch Road 12		
Early Voting Election Day		Dripping S	prings		
	√	Driftwood Community Center	15112 FM 150, Driftwood		
✓	✓	Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning and Leadership	300 Sportsplex Drive		

1042 Event Center Drive

231 Patriots' Hall Boulevard

195 Roger Hanks Parkway

Dripping Springs Ranch Park

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Patriots' Hall of Dripping Springs

Precinct 4 Office, Hays County



Ubicaciones de los centros de votación para la elección uniforme del 3 de mayo de 2025 Sitio principal de votación anticipada: Hays County Elections Office

Jennifer Doinoff, Administradora de elecciones: (512) 393-7310

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	✓	Child N	Child Nutrition, HCISD Support Services			5750 Dacy Lane			
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