

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-33

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE THREE, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE FOUR, AND ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE SIX TO BE CONDUCTED CONCURRENTLY WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCTING THE ELECTION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY CREATING THE NEED TO ADOPT THIS ORDINANCE WITH ONLY ONE READING; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. A general and special election is ordered to be held by the City of San Marcos (the “City”) at the various polling places and election precincts within the corporate limits of the City, yet to be designated, on November 3, 2026, from the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This general and special city election will be conducted jointly with Hays County and will be administered for the city by the Hays County Elections Administrator. At the general election the qualified voters of the City will elect a Mayor for a term of two years, a Council Member for Place 3, and a City Council Member for Place 4 with each Council Member position having a term of three years. At the special election, the qualified voters of the city will elect a candidate to fill a vacancy in the office of Council Member 6 for the remainder term of that office. The official canvass of the election shall be held November 16, 2026, following Election Day. In the event it becomes necessary to conduct a Runoff Election, it shall be held on December 12, 2026. Canvass of the returns of the runoff election, if necessary, shall be held on December 21, 2026.

SECTION 2. The election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of San Marcos and the laws of the State of Texas. The deadline for filing by candidates for the position of a Mayor, Council Member, Place 3 and Council Member, Place 4 is 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2026. The deadline for filing for the remainder of the term of office for Council Member 6 is 6:00 p.m. on August 20, 2026.

SECTION 3. An executed copy of this Ordinance will serve as proper notice of the election.

SECTION 4. Notice of the election, including a Spanish translation thereof, will be published at least once in a newspaper published in San Marcos on or after October 4, 2026, and will be posted on the bulletin board at City Hall on or before October 24, 2026.

SECTION 5. A writ of election as required by the Texas Election Code will be delivered on or before September 4, 2026, by the Hays County Election Administrator to the presiding and alternate judges of each election precinct in which the election is ordered to be held.

SECTION 6. If any portion of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. The importance of this Ordinance creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity, and the provisions of the Charter requiring that ordinances be presented at two separate meetings be waived and, this Ordinance will take effect immediately upon adoption on one reading.

CONSIDERED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on August 5, 2026.

Jane Hughson
Mayor

Attest:

Approved:

Elizabeth Trevino
City Clerk

Samuel J. Aguirre
City Attorney