

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-47**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE ONE AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE TWO, AND TO SUBMIT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER TO THE VOTERS; ORDERING A RUNOFF ELECTION FOR THE POSITION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE TWO TO BE HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH OTHER RUNOFF ELECTIONS WITHIN HAYS COUNTY ON DECEMBER 13, 2025; ESTABLISHING EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THIS ELECTION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY CREATING THE NEED TO ADOPT THIS ORDINANCE WITH ONLY ONE READING; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**RECITALS:**

1. On November 4, 2025 a general election was held for the purpose of electing City Council Member, Place One and City Council Member, Place Two, and to submit proposed amendments to the City Charter in conformity with the election laws of the State of Texas.

2. The results of the election have been certified and returned by the proper judges and clerks.

3. The City Council of the City of San Marcos, Texas convened on November 17, 2025 to consider the returns of the general and special election held on November 4, 2025 with the following members present: Mayor, Jane Hughson; Mayor Pro Tem, Shane Scott; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Alyssa Garza; Council Member, Matthew Mendoza; Council Member, Saul Gonzales; Council Member, Amanda Rodriguez; and Council Member, Lorenzo Gonzalez.

4. It appears to the Council, and the Council finds, that the election was in all respects lawfully held.

5. It appears to the Council, and Council finds, that the tabulation of the results of the election is correct.

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

**SECTION 1.** The general election held on November 4, 2025, was duly called, notice of the election was given in accordance with law, and the election was held in accordance with law.

**SECTION 2.** The tabulation of votes cast in the general election held on November 4, 2025, for the purposes stated in Recital 1 above, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of

this ordinance as Exhibit “A,” is adopted as the official tabulation of the votes cast at the election, and the tabulation will be filed and recorded in the official records of the City of San Marcos as the official canvass of the election.

**SECTION 3.** The official canvass of the returns of the election reflects the following:

**A. For City Council Member, Place One:**

Chase Norris	<u>3,234</u>
Matthew Mendoza	<u>4,243</u>

**B. For City Council Member, Place Two:**

Christopher L. Polanco	<u>590</u>
Josh Paselk	<u>2,622</u>
Saul Gonzales	<u>2,000</u>
Barbara Montana-Escobar	<u>1,910</u>
Brandon Oles	<u>341</u>

**C. The following votes were cast for and against the following numbered propositions:**

PROPOSITION – A

The amendment of various sections of the City Charter to update such references as “him, her, or his” to “them, their or they” as applicable.

FOR: 4,911

AGAINST: 3,043

PROPOSITION - B

The amendment of various sections of the City Charter that require publication of public notices in a newspaper to additionally require posting of such notices on the city’s website and applicable social media.

FOR: 7,369

AGAINST: 511

PROPOSITION - C

The amendment of Section 3.01(c) of the City Charter to increase the term of office for mayor from two years to four years beginning with the election for mayor in November 2028, and providing a term limit for mayor of two consecutive four-year terms, with allowance to run again only after a four-year break following two

consecutive four-year terms as mayor.

FOR: 3,375

AGAINST: 4,470

#### PROPOSITION - D

The amendment of Section 3.09 of the City Charter to reduce the minimum number of required regular city council meetings during a calendar year from 22 to 20 meetings.

FOR: 4,005

AGAINST: 3,728

#### PROPOSITION - E

The amendment of Section 3.10 of the City Charter to require that regular city council meeting agendas include copies of minutes of the immediately preceding regular city council meeting together with an agenda item for consideration of approval such minutes.

FOR: 7,173

AGAINST: 511

#### PROPOSITION - F

The amendment of Section 3.13 of the City Charter to improve the wording of a run on sentence and to clarify that printed copies of the code of ordinances may be available for purchase at a reasonable price.

FOR: 6,707

AGAINST: 944

#### PROPOSITION - G

The amendment of Section 6.02 of the City Charter to increase the time to file a citizen-initiated referendum petition seeking to approve or reject any legislation enacted by city council from 30 to 90 days after passage of an ordinance that is the subject of the petition.

FOR: 6,150

AGAINST: 1,414

### PROPOSITION – H

The amendment of Section 6.10 of the City Charter to increase the time for the city clerk to determine whether an initiative, referendum or recall petition is properly signed by the requisite number of qualified voters from 45 to 60 days after the petition is filed with the city clerk.

FOR: 5,111

AGAINST: 2,430

### PROPOSITION - I

The amendment of Section 7.02(7)(C) of the City Charter to change the interval for the planning and zoning commission’s periodic review of the comprehensive plan from at least every five years to at least every 10 years.

FOR: 2,021

AGAINST: 5,561

### PROPOSITION - J

Relocating the provisions of Section 7.02(7) of the City Charter pertaining to the planning and zoning commission’s review of the comprehensive plan to Section 7.03(b) concerning the comprehensive plan.

FOR: 5,128

AGAINST: 1,723

### PROPOSITION - K

The amendment of Section 8.02 of the City Charter to provide that the city manager will endeavor to use plain language in the city’s budget documents.

FOR: 7,394

AGAINST: 369

### PROPOSITION – L

The amendment of Article XII of the City Charter to rename the title of Article XII from “General Provisions” to “Ethics” and to move sections under this article that

are unrelated to ethics, including Section 12.01, into a new Article XIII titled “General Provisions.”

FOR: 6,074

AGAINST: 1,195

**SECTION 4.** Propositions A, B, D, E, F, G, H, J, K and L are hereby adopted and the San Marcos City Charter is hereby amended as of the effective date of this ordinance to incorporate the text amendments corresponding to each of those propositions as set forth in Ordinance 2025- 29 that called the special charter amendment election.

**SECTION 5.** Propositions C and I did not receive a majority of votes and the proposed text amendments corresponding to these propositions are not adopted.

**SECTION 6.** Matthew Mendoza received a majority of the votes and is elected to serve as City Council Member, Place Five.

**SECTION 7.** That no candidate for the position of City Council Member, Place Two, received a majority of votes cast and a runoff election is hereby ordered for December 13, 2025 between Saul Gonzales and Josh Paselk to be conducted concurrently with other runoff elections within Hays County on December 13, 2025.

**SECTION 8.** On Election Day, eligible City of San Marcos voters may vote at the location listed below from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Voters are not limited to only voting in the precinct where they are registered to vote:

<b>POLLING PLACE</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CITY</b>
Hays County Elections Office	120 South Stagecoach Trail	San Marcos
Broadway Polling Location	401 Broadway Street #A	San Marcos

**SECTION 7.** Jennifer Anderson is appointed Early Voting Clerk for the City.

**SECTION 9.** The main early polling place for early voting by personal appearance for the election is the Hays County Elections Office, 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, TX 78666. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted during the following stated dates and times (excluding holidays) at the following locations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
December 1 - 5, 2025	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
December 6, 2025	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
December 8 - 9, 2025	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

<b>POLLING PLACE</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CITY</b>
Hays County Government Center	120 Stagecoach Trail	San Marcos
Kyle City Hall	100 West Center Street	Kyle

**SECTION 10.** Early voting by mail ballot shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code. The address of 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas 78666, shall be the Early Voting Clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent for the City.

**SECTION 11.** All early votes and other votes to be processed in accordance with early voting procedures pursuant to the Texas Election Code shall be delivered to the Early Voting Ballot Board at the Hays County Election Administrator's office which is located in the City, in accordance with the Election Code. Early votes shall be counted at the central counting station. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall perform in accordance with applicable provisions of the Election Code.

**SECTION 12.** The Verity Duo Hybrid voting system, shall be utilized in connection with the election. This system shall be utilized for all early voting as well as for all voting conducted on Election Day. Ample voting equipment shall be provided for early voting and in each of the various vote centers on Election Day. The central counting station is established as the Hays County Elections Office, 120 Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1012, San Marcos, Texas.

**SECTION 13.** The Hays County Elections Administrator will appoint the Early Voting Ballot Board, a Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station, a Tabulation Supervisor of the Central Counting Station, and a Central Counting Station Manager.

**SECTION 14.** 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.

**SECTION 15.** An executed copy of this ordinance will serve as proper notice of the election.

**SECTION 16.** A writ of election as required by the Texas Election Code will be duly delivered 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 17.** Testing of the automatic tabulating equipment will be performed and notice thereof will be given in accordance with Subchapter D of Chapter 127 of the Texas Election Code.

**SECTION 18.** The rate of compensation to be paid judges, clerks, and assistants to the Central Counting Station Presiding Judge and Tabulation Supervisor for services rendered during the Election will be compensated at the rate of no more than \$12.00 per hour.

**SECTION 19.** The additional compensation to be paid judges who deliver returns of the Election is established at \$25.00.

**SECTION 20.** 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.

**CONSIDERED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** on November 17, 2025.

Jane Hughson  
Mayor

Attest:

Approved:

Elizabeth Trevino  
City Clerk

Samuel J. Aguirre  
City Attorney