

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS ORDERING A REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, ON MAY 2, 2026, FOR A MAYOR, DISTRICT NUMBERS 5 AND 6 OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels, Texas (“City”) is a home rule city acting under its Charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels Charter provides that city elections shall be held in accordance with laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code establishes the first Saturday in May as a uniform election date for the purposes of conducting a General Election; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.004(b) of the Texas Election Code provides that the governing body of a municipality shall be the authority to order a General Election for the purposes of electing members to the governing body; and

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code, Chapter 791, authorizes local governments to contract with one another and with agencies of the state for various governmental functions including those in which the contracting parties are mutually interested; and

WHEREAS, the City will enter into joint election agreements and contracts for election services with Comal and Guadalupe Counties pursuant to Texas Election Code (“Code”) Sections 31.092 and 271.002; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of New Braunfels, Texas authorizes the Mayor to sign the order calling the General Election and any subsequent orders adjusting the polling locations, dates and times that are subject to change due to agreements with Comal and Guadalupe County Elections Departments and other joint election agreements up until the final posting deadline of such notice pursuant Texas Election Code (“Code”) § 4.003(a)(b) and (c); and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Texas, provide that the next ensuing first Saturday in May, there shall be elected the following officials for this City.

- A. One At Large person to be elected for **Mayor** by the most number of those votes cast.

- B. One City Councilmember from **District Number 5** to be elected by a majority of those votes cast.
- C. One City Councilmember from **District Number 6** to be elected by a majority of those votes cast.

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

**SECTION I
CALL OF A REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

THAT a regular election be held on the 2nd day of May 2026, in the City of New Braunfels, Texas, for the purpose of electing regular City officers as listed below.

- A. One At Large person to be elected for **Mayor** by the most number of those votes cast.
- B. One City Councilmember from **District Number 5** to be elected by a majority of those votes cast.
- C. One City Councilmember from **District Number 6** to be elected by a majority of those votes cast.

**SECTION II
EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE
(Subject to Change)**

THAT the anticipated main polling places in **Comal County** for early voting by personal appearance for the election is:

**COMAL COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE
COMAL COUNTY OFFICES, CHURCH HILL ANNEX**

396 N. Seguin Ave., New Braunfels
1345 Church Hill Drive, New Braunfels
Training Room, Suite 1400

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted between the hours and dates as follows:

April 20, 22, 23, 24 2026.....	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
<i>20, 22, 23, 24 de Abril de 2026.....</i>	<i>8:00 de la mañana a las 5:00 de la tarde</i>
April 25, 2026.....	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
<i>25 de Abril de 2026.....</i>	<i>10:00 de la mañana a las 6:00 de la tarde</i>
April 27, April 28 2026	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
<i>27, 28 de Abril de 2026.....</i>	<i>7:00 de la mañana a las 7:00 de la tarde</i>

THAT the anticipated main polling places in **Guadalupe County** for early voting by personal appearance for the election is:

SELMA CITY HALL	9375 Corporate Dr., Selma, TX
REDEPTIVE GRACE MINISTRIES	2240 FM 725, New Braunfels, TX
MARION ISD TONDRE ROOM	500 Bulldog Ln, Marion, TX
ELECTIONS OFFICE ANNEX	1101 Elbel, Schertz, TX
NEW BERLIN CITY HALL	9180 FM 775, New Berlin, TX
SEGUIN ELECTIONS OFFICE	3251 N. Hwy 123, Seguin, TX

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**SECTION III
EARLY VOTING BY MAIL**

THAT early voting by mail ballot shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code.

- A. The address of the Comal County Elections Office, 396 North Seguin Avenue, New Braunfels, Texas 78130, shall be the early voting clerk Bobbie Koepp’s, mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent for the City of New Braunfels for Comal County residents.

- B. The address of the Guadalupe County Elections Office, 3251 State Highway 123 North, Seguin, Texas, 78155 or P.O. Box 1346, Seguin, Texas 78156-1346, shall be the interim early voting clerk Michelle Shields mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent for the City of New Braunfels for Guadalupe residents.

**SECTION IV
POLLING PLACES
(Subject to Change)**

THAT the anticipated polling places listed below shall be open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2026:

A. For **Comal County** will be using Vote Centers for the May 2, 2026, Elections. Any Comal County registered voter can vote at any Comal County Election Day Location, regardless of the precinct in which they reside.

VC	POLLING LOCATION	ADDRESS
VC #1	Comal County Senior Citizens Center	710 Landa, New Braunfels 78130
VC #3	Freedom Fellowship Church, Foyer	410 Oak Run Point, New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #10	Real Life Community Church	1615 FM 1044, New Braunfels. TX 78130
VC #15	Westside Public Library	2932 S. IH 35, New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #16	City of New Braunfels, Public Works Building	424 S. Castell Ave., New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #17	New Braunfels Library, Large Meeting Room	700 E. Common, New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #18	Comal County Offices, Church Hill, Training Room, Suite 1400	1345 Church Hill Dr., New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #19	New Braunfels Christian Church, Fellowship Hall	734 N. Loop 337, New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #20	Eden Hill, Town Hall	631 Lakeview Blvd, New Braunfels, Tx 78130
VC #23	Gruene Methodist Church, Mission and Outreach Building	2629 E. Common St., New Braunfels, Tx 78130

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B. Guadalupe County will be using Vote Centers for the May 2, 2026, Elections.

Any Guadalupe County registered voter can vote at any Guadalupe County Election Day Location, regardless of the precinct in which they reside.

POLLING LOCATION	ADDRESS
Redemptive Grace Ministries	2240 FM 725, New Braunfels, TX
Marion ISD Tondre Room	500 Bulldog Ln., Marion, TX
Selma City Hall	9375 Corporate Dr., Selma, TX
Elections Annex Office	1101 Elbel, Schertz, TX
New Berlin City Hall	9180 FM 775, New Berlin, TX
Seguin Elections Office	3251 N. Hwy 123, Seguin, TX

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**SECTION V
METHOD OF VOTING**

A. THAT use of Hart Verity Touch, Access Touch, and controller voting system, as the term is defined in the Texas Election Code, shall be utilized in connection with the election for Comal County residents. This system shall be utilized for early voting as well as for district voting conducted on Election Day. Cynthia Jaqua is appointed as programmer, and she shall prepare a program for the automatic tabulating equipment. Ample voting equipment shall be provided for early voting and in the specific districts on Election Day. The central counting station is established as the Comal County Elections Office.

B. THAT Guadalupe County uses the ES&S Express Vote Universal Voting System for Guadalupe County voters. The system is used for all types of voting. Guadalupe County establishes a central counting station.

**SECTION VI
APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING JUDGES**

THAT the County Election offices of Comal and Guadalupe Counties will appoint the Early Voting Ballot Board, a Presiding Judge for the Early Voting Ballot Board, and a Presiding Judge for the Central Counting Station.

**SECTION VII
GOVERNING LAW**

THAT the election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of New Braunfels and the laws of the State of Texas. Notice of the election, including a Spanish translation thereof, will be published at least once in the local newspaper in accordance with the Texas Election Code and will be posted on the bulletin board at City Hall at 550 Landa Street, New Braunfels, Texas.

THAT the City Council of the City of New Braunfels, Texas authorizes the Mayor to sign the order calling the General Election and any subsequent orders adjusting the polling locations, dates and times that are subject to change due to agreements with Comal County and Guadalupe County Election Department and other joint election agreements up until the final posting deadline of such notice pursuant Texas Election Code (“Code”) § 4.003(a)(b) and (c).

**SECTION VIII
TESTING OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT**

THAT testing of the automatic tabulating equipment will be performed and notice thereof will be given in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Each County shall designate the tabulating equipment and personnel required under the Election Code.

**SECTION IX
COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION WORKERS**

THAT the rate of compensation for all polling workers will be decided by the Comal and Guadalupe County Election Offices.

**SECTION X
SAVINGS CLAUSE**

THAT if any part of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have enacted the remaining parts of this ordinance even if it had known that such part or parts described herein would be declared unconstitutional or invalid, and further declares that said remaining parts shall remain in full force and effect; and that the provisions hereof are severable.

**SECTION XI
EFFECTIVE DATE**

THAT futhermore, it is ordered that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its first reading in the City Council, as permitted by the City Charter, Section 3.10.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED: On this first and final reading this the 9th day of February 2026.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW
BRAUNFELS, TEXAS



NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor

ATTEST:


GAYLE WILKINSON, City Secretary


VALERIA M. ACEVEDO, City Attorney