

**AN ORDINANCE ORDERING THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF KILLEEN, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCILMEMBER FOR DISTRICT 2; PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF WRITTEN APPLICATION TO HAVE THEIR NAMES PRINTED ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT; SPECIFYING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION LAWS SHALL CONTROL ALL QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO SUCH ELECTION; DESIGNATING THE POLLING LOCATIONS; PRESCRIBING THE CONTENTS OF THE OFFICIAL BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION WORKER COMPENSATION; AND PROVIDING FOR POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CONTAINING MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN:**

**SECTION I.** That, pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas and the Charter of the City of Killeen, it is ordered by the City Council that a Special Election (Election) be held in the City of Killeen, Texas, on Saturday, May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for District 2. Any reference in this Ordinance hereinafter to "Election Day" shall mean May 2, 2026.

**SECTION II.** The manner of holding the Election and all questions pertaining to such Election shall be governed by the Texas Election Code, and the returns shall be made and canvassed and the results declared as in other legal elections of the City of Killeen.

**SECTION III.** Any eligible and qualified person may have his or her name printed upon the official ballot as an independent candidate for the office Councilmember, District 2 by filing a written application with the City Secretary beginning Wednesday, February 18, 2026, through Tuesday, March 3, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. Any person wishing to file a declaration of write-in candidacy must do so not later than Tuesday, March 3, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.

**SECTION IV.** The names of all those who have filed their written applications to have their names printed on the official ballot as candidates shall be posted by the City Secretary in a conspicuous place at his/her office for the inspection of the public for at least ten (10) days before he/she orders the ballot to be printed. The City Secretary shall preserve in his/her office for a period established by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and adopted by the City all applications, statements, notice of objections and other related papers.

**SECTION V.** Any person eligible for the office Councilmember, District 2 who has filed his or her written application in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall have his

or her name printed on the official ballot. Any such person may cause his or her name to be withdrawn at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2026, by filing in writing with the City Secretary, a request to that effect over his or her signature, duly attested to by a Notary Public. No name so withdrawn shall be printed on the ballot. Not later than twenty (20) days before the Election, the City Secretary shall have the official ballots printed.

**SECTION VI.** Each qualified voter who desires to cast an early vote or who expects to be absent on the date of the Election shall be entitled to an official ballot, and to cast such ballot in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code, Title 7, beginning Monday, April 20, 2026, and continuing through Tuesday, April 28, 2026, with no voting occurring on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, Saturday, April 25, 2026, or Sunday, April 26, 2026. The City Secretary will serve as the Early Voting Clerk, who may appoint by written order one (1) or more temporary deputies to serve as Deputy Early Voting Clerks, in accordance with the applicable law. Early Voting will be held in the first floor foyer/lobby of Killeen City Hall (*Main Early Voting Location*), 101 North College Street, Killeen, TX 76541 (*mailing address: 101 N. College Street, Killeen, TX 76541, Attention: Early Voting Clerk*), the Jackson Professional Learning Center (*Branch Early Voting Location*), 902 Rev R A Abercrombie Drive, Killeen, TX 76543 and at the Killeen Lions Park Senior Center (*Branch Early Voting Location*), 1700-B E. Stan Schlueter Loop, Killeen, TX 76542 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each day of Early Voting, except Saturdays, Sundays and official State or City holidays. Provided, however, that on the first and last day of Early Voting, the hours shall be 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For the Election those dates shall be Monday, April 20, 2026, and Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Laura Calcote, Early Voting Clerk

101 N. College Street

Killeen, TX 76541

(254) 501-7717

[citysec@killeentexas.gov](mailto:citysec@killeentexas.gov)

<https://www.killeentexas.gov/717/2026-Special-Election>

Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBMs) must be received no later than the close of business on: Monday, April 20, 2026.

Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on: Monday, April 20, 2026.

Exhibit A, "Order of Special Election for Municipalities," to this Ordinance summarizes the aforementioned Election information and will be posted accordingly at Killeen City Hall.

**SECTION VII.** The Election shall be held in the hereafter-designated Election Day polling locations between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**PRECINCTS #203/208/209/210/214/215/217**

Cedar Valley Elementary School  
4801 Chantz Drive  
Killeen, TX 76542

**PRECINCTS #205/207**

Jackson Professional Learning Center  
902 Rev R A Abercrombie Drive  
Killeen, TX 76543

**SECTION VIII.** The City Council shall appoint Election Day presiding judges and alternate presiding judges at the aforementioned precinct polling locations and also appoint a presiding judge and an alternate presiding judge to the Early Voting Ballot Board to process the early voting results and conduct additional official duties as prescribed by the Texas Election Code. If neither the presiding judge nor the alternate judge can serve, and their inability to serve is discovered so late that it is impracticable to fill the vacancy in the normal manner, the Mayor shall have the authority and is hereby directed to appoint a replacement judge to preside at the Election. The presiding judge for each precinct shall appoint no more than two (2) election clerks, in addition to the alternate presiding judge, to assist the presiding judge in the conduct of the Election. The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges and clerks shall be paid \$20.00 per hour for serving in such capacities, and the presiding judges and/or alternate presiding judges shall be paid an additional \$25.00 for delivering the returns of such Election to the City Secretary for proper tabulation. No presiding judge, alternate presiding judge or clerk shall be compensated for a period in excess of the time extending from

one (1) hour before the polls open until two (2) hours after the polls close. The Early Voting Ballot Board/Central Counting Station presiding judge is entitled to a minimum compensation of five (5) hours' pay regardless of the amount of time worked, for a total of \$100.00, for serving in such capacity that will include proper tabulation. The Early Voting Ballot Board/Central Counting Station alternate presiding judge and additional member is entitled to a minimum compensation of three (3) hours' pay regardless of the amount of time worked, for a total of \$60.00, for serving in such capacity that will include proper tabulation. No later than the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) day after Election Day, the Early Voting Ballot Board will need to reconvene to conduct the Post-Election Hand Count Audit and shall be compensated at \$20.00 per hour for such services. Additionally, if the Early Voting Ballot Board needs to reconvene to tabulate provisional ballots or any mail ballots after Election Day, they shall be paid an additional \$20.00 per hour for such services.

**SECTION IX.** The following positions shall be set forth on digital scan and paper ballots hereinafter provided, in substantially the following form:

**CITY OF KILLEEN SPECIAL ELECTION  
MAY 2, 2026  
OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**Councilmember, District 2**

*(Miembro del Consejo, Distrito Electoral 2)*

**Vote for None or One (1)**

*(Vote por ninguno o uno (1))*

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**SECTION X.** Digital scan ballots, the DS200 Digital Tabulator and the ExpressVote Universal Voting System shall be used for voting by personal appearance during Early Voting, curbside voting and on Election Day. Privacy screens shall be used by voters marking ballots

by personal appearance for Early Voting and on Election Day. Paper ballots and the DS200 Digital Tabulator shall be used for voting by mail.

**SECTION XI.** All resident qualified electors of the City of Killeen shall be permitted to vote at the Election.

**SECTION XII.** The election materials enumerated in the Texas Election Code, Sec. 272.001, et seq., shall be printed and furnished in both English and Spanish for use at each polling location for Early Voting and on Election Day.

**SECTION XIII.** A traditional polling location set up will be used at the polls for Early Voting and on Election Day.

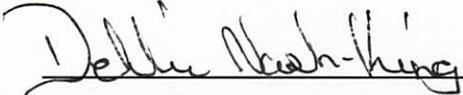
**SECTION XIV.** Notice of Election shall be given by posting substantial copies of the Notice of Election as prescribed by the Secretary of State's office in both English and Spanish at Killeen City Hall, the official City of Killeen website and at three (3) other public places in the City at least thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the Election; and substantial copies of the Notice of Election in both English and Spanish shall be published on the same day of the week, for two (2) successive weeks, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, the date of first publication to be not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for the Election.

**SECTION XV.** Returns of the Election shall be made by the election officers to the City Council at a meeting following the Election; the returns will be canvassed and the results of the Election declared as prescribed by the Texas Election Code and the City Charter.

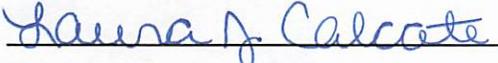
**SECTION XVI.** It is officially found, determined and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance has been adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and subject matter of the public business to be considered and acted upon at the meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by the applicable provisions of the Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.001, et seq.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Killeen, Texas, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.001, *et seq.*

**APPROVED:**

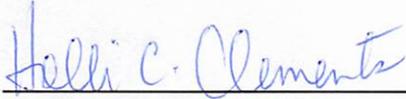
  
Debbie Nash-King, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

  
Laura J. Calcote, CITY SECRETARY



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Holli C. Clements, CITY ATTORNEY

# Exhibit A

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 Prescribed by Secretary of State  
 Sections 3.004, 3.006, 85.004, 85.007, 201.054 Texas Election Code  
 9/2023

## ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES (ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL PARA MUNICIPIOS)

An election is hereby ordered to be held on 05 / 02 / 2026 for the purpose of voting on:  
*(Por la presente se ordena celebrar una elección el <sup>(date)</sup>05 / 02 / 2026 con el propósito de votar sobre.)*  
*(fecha)*

Applications for a place on the ballot shall be filed by: 03 / 03 / 2026 at 5:00 p.m.  
 A deadline is required to be stated in the order for a special election.  
*(Solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta serán presentadas por: 03 / 03 / 2026 a las 5:00 p.m.)*  
*(De acuerdo con la orden de elección especial se requiere una fecha límite)*

List Offices/Propositions/Measures on the ballot *(Enúmere los puestos/proposiciones/medidas oficiales en la boleta)*

Councilmember, District 2 (Miembro del Consejo, Distrito Electoral 2)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:  
*(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)*

The Main Early Voting Location *(sitio principal de votación adelantada)*

Location <i>(sitio)</i>	Hours <i>(horas)</i>
Killeen City Hall	4/20&4/28(7am-7pm), 4/22-4/24&4/27(8am-5pm)

Branch Early Voting Locations *(sucursal sitios de votación adelantada)*

Location <i>(sitio)</i>	Hours <i>(horas)</i>
Jackson Professional Learning Center	4/20&4/28(7am-7pm), 4/22-4/24&4/27(8am-5pm)
Killeen Lions Park Senior Center	4/20&4/28(7am-7pm), 4/22-4/24&4/27(8am-5pm)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekend at:  
*(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo en el fin de semana en:)*

The Main Early Voting Location *(sitio principal de votación adelantada)*

Location <i>(sitio)</i>	Hours <i>(horas)</i>
N/A	N/A

Branch Early Voting Locations *(sucursal sitios de votación adelantada)*

Location <i>(sitio)</i>	Hours <i>(horas)</i>
N/A	N/A

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Laura Calcote

Name of Early Voting Clerk  
(Nombre del Secretario/a de la Votación Adelantada)

101 N. College Street

Address (Dirección)

Killeen 76541

City (Ciudad) Zip Code (Código Postal)

(254) 501-7717

Telephone Number (Número de teléfono)

citysec@killeentexas.gov

Email Address (Dirección de Correo Electrónico)

<https://www.killeentexas.gov/717/2026-Special-Election>

Early Voting Clerk's Website (Sitio web del Secretario/a de Votación Adelantada)

Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBM)s must be received no later than the close of business on:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el:)

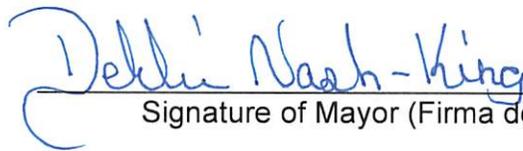
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Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on:  
(La Tarjeta Federal Postal de Solicitud deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el:)

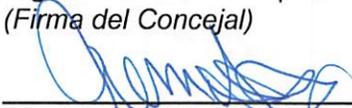
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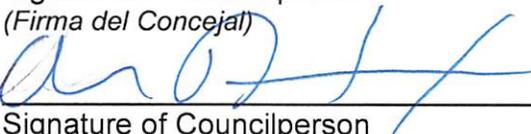
Issued this 17 day of 02, 20 26  
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(Emitida este día 17 de 02, 20 26)  
(día) (mes) (año)

  
Signature of Mayor (Firma del Alcalde)

  
Signature of Councilperson  
(Firma del Concejal)

  
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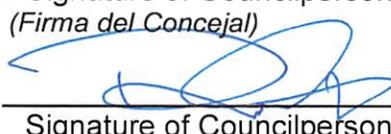
  
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## City of Killeen

**File Number: OR-26-005**

**Enactment Number: 26-014**

Consider an ordinance ordering the May 2, 2026 Special Election for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for District 2.

**DATE: February 17, 2026**

**TO: Kent Cagle, City Manager**

**FROM: Laura Calcote, City Secretary**

**SUBJECT: Ordering the May 2, 2026 Special Election to elect a Councilmember for District 2**

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

On Friday, January 30, 2026, District 2 Councilmember, Joseph Solomon, resigned his position. The resignation took effect on Saturday, February 7, 2026, creating a vacancy for the District 2 seat.

The Texas Election Code, Chapter 201, provides for the ordering of an election to fill a vacancy. If a vacancy in office is to be filled by special election, the election shall be ordered as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs. Section 201.054 provides that if the special election to fill a vacancy is ordered on or before the 70th day (Saturday, February 21, 2026) before election day (Saturday, May 2, 2026), the candidate application must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on the 62nd day before election day (Sunday, March 1, 2026). However, because the application deadline falls on a Sunday and Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, is a state holiday, the deadline to file candidate applications is extended to Tuesday, March 3, 2026, by 5:00 p.m., to be considered for the Councilmember, District 2 vacancy.

The attached ordinance has been prepared ordering the 2026 Special Election and giving notice of an election for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for District 2 and designating the Early Voting and Election Day precinct-specific polling locations and times.

### **THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

N/A

**Which alternative is recommended? Why?**

N/A

### **CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

This ordinance conforms to Article IX (Nominations and Elections) of the City Charter, authorizing the ordering of an election to be held on a uniform election date provided for in the Texas Election Code.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**What is the amount of the revenue/expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?**

The estimated expenditure to conduct the General and Special Elections is \$90,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2026. Funds are budgeted to cover the costs associated with the elections.

**Is this a one-time or recurring revenue/expenditure?**

Holding an election is a recurring expenditure.

**Is this revenue/expenditure budgeted?**

Yes, expenditures are budgeted.

Expenditures are budgeted in the General Fund, Legal Department under the following accounts:

- Personnel Services:
  - 100-51130-150-152-000000
  - 100-51610-150-152-000000
  - 100-51620-150-152-000000
  - 100-51700-150-152-000000
- Election Expense:
  - 100-55620-150-152-000000

**If not, where will the money come from?**

N/A

**Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this revenue/expenditure?**

Yes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council approve the ordinance ordering a May 2, 2026 Special Election for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for District 2.

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Finance  
Legal

**ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Exhibit A - Order of Special Election for Municipalities  
Presentation



ORDERING THE MAY 2, 2026  
SPECIAL ELECTION FOR  
DISTRICT 2

OR-26-005

February 17, 2026

# Background & Purpose of Special Election

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- District 2 Councilmember resigned on January 30<sup>th</sup>
- Vacancy was created on February 7<sup>th</sup>
- Texas Election Code, Chapter 201, provides for the ordering of an election to fill a vacancy

# Application and Voting Dates

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- Applications for name placement on ballots:
  - First day – Wednesday, February 18, 2026
  - Last day – Tuesday, March 3, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.
- Early Voting dates (weekdays only):
  - Monday, April 20, 2026 (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
  - **Tuesday, April 21, 2026 (No Voting – State Holiday)**
  - Wednesday, April 22, 2026 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
  - Thursday, April 23, 2026 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
  - Friday, April 24, 2026 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
  - Monday, April 27, 2026 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
  - Tuesday, April 28, 2026 (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
- Election Day:
  - Saturday, May 2, 2026 (Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

# Early Voting Polling Locations

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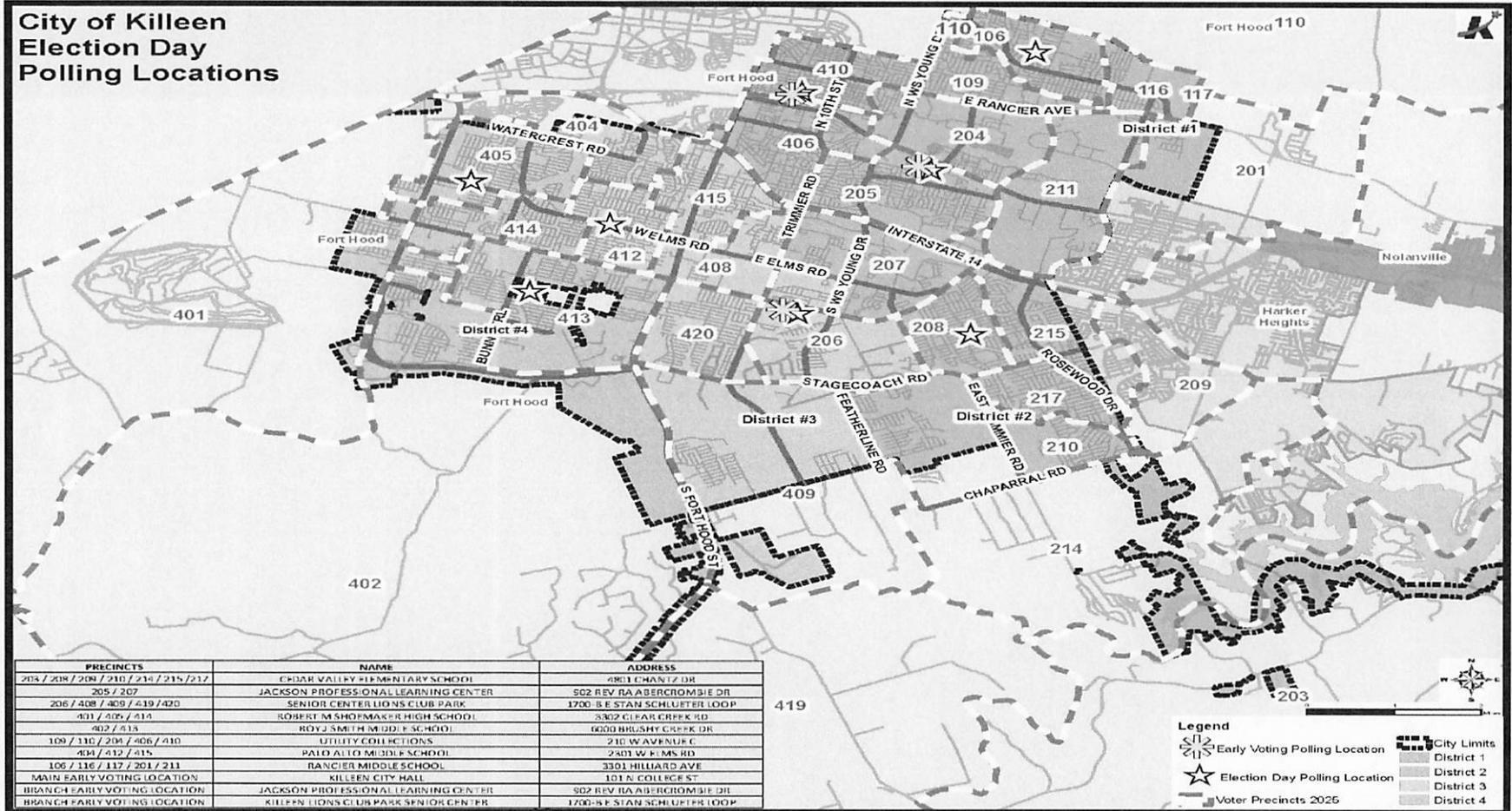
- Killeen City Hall – *Main Early Voting Location*
- Jackson Professional Learning Center – *Branch Early Voting Location*
- Killeen Lions Club Park Senior Center – *Branch Early Voting Location*

# District 2 Election Day Polling Locations

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- Precincts #203/208/209/210/214/215/217 – Cedar Valley Elementary School
- Precincts #205/207 – Jackson Professional Learning Center

# Polling Locations Map



# Voting Equipment Utilized

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## ExpressVote Universal Voting System



## Electronic Pollbook (ePollbook)



## DS200 Digital Tabulator



# Recommendation

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Staff recommends City Council approve the ordinance ordering a *May 2, 2026 Special Election* for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for District 2