



ORDINANCE 02112025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF BELLS, GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY MAY 3rd, 2025, JOINTLY WITH BELLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 O’CLOCK A.M. AND 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M., BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF BELLS, GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS WITH THE EARLY VOTING FOR THE CITY OF BELLS BEING CONDUCTED AT THE CITY HALL FROM THE 22nd, DAY OF APRIL 2025 THROUGH THE 25th, DAY OF APRIL 2025. TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 O’CLOCK A.M. AND 5:00 O’CLOCK P.M., HOURS WILL BE 7:00 O’CLOCK A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. ON THE 28th, DAY OF APRIL 2025 AND 29th DAY OF APRIL, 2025 FOR SAID PURPOSES OF ELECTING TWO CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND MAYOR BEING OF SAID CITY TO SERVE ON THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING TWO (2) YEAR TERM.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLS:

Section 1. That a general municipal election for the City of Bells, Grayson County, Texas be held by the qualified voters of the City of Bells, Grayson County, Texas on Saturday, May 3, 2025 jointly with Bells Independent School District between the hours of 7:00 o’clock a.m. and 7:00 o’clock p.m. for the purpose of electing of two City Councilmembers and Mayor for two (2) year term respectfully of the City of Bells, Grayson County, Texas.

Section 2. That the polling place for this election shall be as follows:

Polling Place:

City Hall
203 S. Broadway Street
Bells, Texas

Section 3. Joint early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance and by mail. The period for early voting by personal appearance for the general election shall be April 22 through April 29, 2025. Paper ballots shall be used for early voting by mail and direct recording electronic voting machines shall be used for early voting by personal appearance. The Early Voting Clerk for said elections shall be appointed by the Election Administrator per contract for election services for the May 3, 2025, election. S/He shall enter into a Contract for Election Services with Grayson County Election Administration for the called election on May 3, 2025. Early voting by personal appearance for the general election shall be conducted jointly at the location and on the following dates and times specified by the Early Voting Clerks:

April 22 – April 25 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Tuesday - Friday)

April 28 – April 29 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
(Monday - Tuesday)

Section 4. There is hereby created an Early Voting Ballot Board, which consists of appointees by

the said Election Administrator of Grayson County. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall carry out the duties enumerated in Chapter 87 of the Election Code of the State of Texas.

Section 5. Early Voting by mail ballot shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code. The address of 115 W. Houston, Sherman, Texas 75090 or by email to votegrayson@co.grayson.tx.us or by fax to 903-891-4370. Applications for mail ballots received by the City shall immediately be faxed to the Elections Administrator of Grayson County for a timely processing. The original application should then be forwarded to the Election Administrator for proper retention.

Early Voting by email ballot shall be conducted in accordance with Section 84.007 of the Election Code allows email transmission of a completed, scanned application for a ballot by mail containing an original signature and to require the early voting clerk to designate an email address for receipt of such application. All email ballot request should be emailed to votegrayson@co.grayson.tx.us.

Section 6. The said contract between the City of Bells and Bells Independent School District and Grayson County Election Administration details the Principal Duties and Services of the Election Administrator for the Joint Election for the City of Bells and Bells Independent School District for the May 6, 2023 election. See Exhibit “A”

Section 7. The said contract between the City of Bells and Bells Independent School District and Grayson County Election Administration details the Principal Duties and Services of the City and the School for the Joint Election for the City of Bells and Bells Independent School District for the May 6, 2023 election. See Exhibit “A”

Section 8. Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this Ordinance be adjusted or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional.

Section 9. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances or parts of ordinances governing or regulating the sale subject matter as that covered herein; provided, however, that all prior ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent such inconsistency is apparent. This ordinance shall not be construed to require or allow any act which is prohibited by any other ordinance.

Section 10. The Mayor is authorized to execute, and the City Secretary is authorized to attest this Ordinance on behalf of the City Council; and the Mayor is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.

Section 11. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as may be required by law.

Section 12. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bells in special meeting at the Council's Chamber of said City, on the 11th, day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

Pamela Winkler, City Secretary

Joe Paul Smith, Mayor