

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09-23-E

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, ORDERING SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2025, ON THE QUESTION OF RECALLING THREE COMMISSIONERS; DESIGNATING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the City Secretary of the City of Ranger, Texas (the “City”) received three recall petitions on September 5, 2024, seeking the recall of the following three City Commissioners: Mayor Terry Robinson, Commissioner Wendy Erwin, and Commissioner Joe Sigler;

WHEREAS, the City Secretary has determined that the petitions contain sufficient valid signatures per the requirements of the City Charter;

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2024, the City Secretary notified the affected Commissioners of the recall petitions, and the petitions were presented to the City Commission by email on September 5, 2024, and at its regular meeting on September 9, 2024;

WHEREAS, the City Charter allows the Commissioners subject to the recall petitions until the fifth day following notification of the recall petition, which was September 10, 2024, to resign;

WHEREAS, if any of the Commissioners do not resign, the City Charter requires the City Commission to order a recall election for those positions in which Commissioners did not resign, and the City Charter provides for the election to be held no earlier than fifteen (15) and no more than thirty days from the time the recall petitions were presented to the City Commission;

WHEREAS, none of the Commissioners subject to the recall petitions resigned by September 10, 2024;

WHEREAS, Sections 41.001 and 41.004 of Texas Election Code require the recall elections to be held on a uniform election date because none of the exceptions set forth in Sections 41.001(b) or 41.004(b), Texas Election Code, for holding the election on a non-uniform election date apply;

WHEREAS, Section 3.005, Texas Election Code, provides that the deadline to call the special election on the recall petitions for the November 5, 2024, uniform election date is the 78th day before the election date, which was August 19, 2024, which has passed;

WHEREAS, as stated in Section 3.005(c), Texas Election Code, the Texas Election Code supersedes the City Charter with respect to the deadlines for calling the recall elections; and

WHEREAS, the earliest uniform election date for which the City Commission can call the recall elections in compliance with applicable law is May 3, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS:

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The recitals contained in the preamble of this ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as part of this ordinance.

Section 2. Recall Elections Ordered. Special elections are hereby ordered to be held on May 3, 2025, for the purpose of voting on the following propositions:

City of Ranger Proposition A

Shall Terry Robinson be removed from the office of Mayor by recall?

City of Ranger Proposition B

Shall Wendy Erwin be removed from the office of City Commissioner by recall?

City of Ranger Proposition C

Shall Joe Sigler be removed from the office of City Commissioner by recall?

Section 3. Election Administration. The recall election shall be conducted by the Eastland County Elections Administrator (the “Administrator”) in accordance with applicable law.

Section 4. Early Voting. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted in accordance with the schedule established by the Administrator and during the following period: Early Voting Dates: Monday, April 21, 2025 – Tuesday, April 29, 2025. Unless established otherwise by the Administrator, the early voting polling locations shall be as follows:

- Main Early Voting Location: Eastland County Courthouse, 100 W. Main, Suite 104, Eastland, Texas 76448
- Branch Early Voting Location: Ranger City Library, 718 Pine Street, Ranger, Texas 76470

Section 5. Election Day Voting. Voting on election day, May 3, 2025, shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the following locations unless established otherwise by the Administrator, and any other locations designated by the Administrator

- Main Election Day Location: Eastland County Courthouse, 100 W. Main, Suite 104, Eastland, Texas 76448
- Branch Election Day Location: Ranger City Library, 718 Pine Street, Ranger, Texas 76470

Section 6. Ballots by Mail. Applications for ballots by mail shall be sent to:

Bekky Rogers, Elections Administrator

100 W. Main Street, Suite 104 Eastland, Texas 76448

Phone: (254) 629-6051

Fax: (254) 631-0067

Email: elections1@eastlandcountytexas.com

Website: <https://www.eastlandcountytexas.com/page/eastland.Joint.Elections.Administrat>
or

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must also be received by this deadline.

Section 7. Election Order. The Mayor is authorized to issue an election order consistent with this Ordinance and containing the information required by the Texas Election Code. In the event of any changes to early voting polling places, election day polling places, or Administrator contact information the election order and the notice of election shall contain the most current information.

Section 8. Effective Date; Preamble: This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption in accordance with state law and the City Charter. All sections of this ordinance and the preamble are incorporated as a whole and shall be considered effective as specified.

Section 9. Severability: If any provision, section of this ordinance or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 10. Amendment of Conflicting Ordinances: In the event of a conflict between this ordinance and any previous ordinance related to the recall election, this ordinance shall control.

Section 11. Open Meetings: It is officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is 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 Chapter 551, Tex. Gov't. Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of September, 2024.

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS

Terry Robinson
Terry Robinson, Mayor

Attest:

Andrea Rheinlander
Andrea Rheinlander, City Secretary

