

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, TO ELECT PERSONS TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL POSITION 3 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM; ORDERING A RUNOFF ELECTION ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026, IF NECESSARY

WHEREAS, the City of League City, Texas (the "City"), pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas and Article III, Section 6 of the City Charter, may hold a special election, fix the time and place for holding the election, and provide the means for conducting the election in accordance with the laws governing general elections; and

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 11(a) of the Texas Constitution subjects municipal officers serving terms longer than two years to the automatic-resignation provision of Article XVI, Section 65(b), under which an officer automatically resigns upon becoming a candidate for another office when more than one year and 30 days remain in the officer's current term; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2026, Council Member Tom Crews filed as a candidate for Mayor while more than one year and 30 days remained in his term as Council Member for Position 3, thereby automatically resigning from Council Position 3 and creating a vacancy in that office; and

WHEREAS, the vacancy occurred by operation of the Texas Constitution and not through a voluntary written resignation; therefore, the acceptance and eight-day provisions applicable to a written resignation under Article II, Section 5 of the City Charter and Section 201.023 of the Texas Election Code do not apply; and

WHEREAS, Article XVI, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution requires Council Member Crews to continue performing the duties of Council Position 3 as a holdover until his successor is elected and qualified; and

WHEREAS, because more than 12 months remain in the unexpired term, Article II, Section 6 of the City Charter requires the vacancy to be filled for the remainder of the term by special election; and

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 11(c) of the Texas Constitution requires the vacancy to be filled by majority vote of the qualified voters at a special election held within 120 days after the vacancy occurred, and November 3, 2026, is within 120 days after August 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to contract for election services with Galveston County and Harris County, which can conduct the special election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Texas and Article II, Section 4 of the City Charter provide for a runoff election, if necessary, as described below; and

WHEREAS, the present composition of the City Council is as follows:

Position	Name	Date Elected	Term (years)	Date Term Expires
Mayor	Nick Long	November 2022	4	November 2026
Position #1	Andy Mann	November 2022	4	November 2026
Position #2	Tommy Cones	November 2022	4	November 2026
Position #3	Tom Crews	November 2024	4	November 2028
Position #4	Courtney Chadwell	November 2024	4	November 2028
Position #5	Scott Higginbotham	May 2025	4	November 2028
Position #6	Chad Tressler	November 2022	4	November 2026
Position #7	Sean Saunders	December 2022	4	November 2026

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to order a special election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to elect a person to Council Position 3 for the remainder of the unexpired term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, as follows:

Section 1. The findings stated in the preamble to this Ordinance are true and correct and are incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 2. The attached Election Order (Exhibit "A") is adopted and incorporated into this Ordinance. A special election shall be held throughout the City of League City on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to elect a person to Council Position 3 for the remainder of the unexpired term ending in November 2028. The deadline to file an application for a place on the special election ballot is 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2026. If no candidate receives the vote required for election, a runoff election shall be held on Saturday, December 12, 2026.

Section 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are herein repealed to the extent of the conflict only.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, unconstitutional, or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

APPROVED first reading the ____ day of _____, 2026

PASSED and ADOPTED the ____ day of _____, 2026

NICK LONG,
Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA M. STAPP,
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHELLE VILLARREAL
City Attorney