

**TOWN OF ARGYLE, TEXAS**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ARGYLE, TEXAS, A GENERAL LAW TYPE A MUNICIPALITY, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN MAY 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE TOWN A PROPOSITION TO CHANGE THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FROM TWO (2) YEARS TO THREE (3) YEARS; ESTABLISHING A STAGGERED ELECTION SCHEDULE BEGINNING IN 2027; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Argyle, Texas, is a general law Type A municipality operating under the laws of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Texas Local Government Code, a general law Type A municipality may submit to the voters a proposition to change the length of terms of office for the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has determined that three (3) year terms of office will promote continuity, long-range planning, and effective governance for the Town of Argyle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to submit to the qualified voters of the Town of Argyle a proposition to change the term of office for Town Council members from two (2) years to three (3) years, with a phased and staggered implementation beginning in 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ARGYLE, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1. SPECIAL ELECTION ORDERED.**

A special election shall be held in the Town of Argyle, Texas, on a general election date in May 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the Town a proposition to change the term of office for members of the Town Council from two (2) years to three (3) years, beginning with terms commencing in 2027.

**SECTION 2. BALLOT PROPOSITION.**

The ballot proposition shall be submitted to the voters in substantially the following form:

“PROPOSITION A

Shall the term of office for members of the Town Council of the Town of Argyle be changed from two (2) years to three (3) years, beginning with the terms of office commencing in 2027, with council positions elected on a staggered basis?”

Yes

No

**SECTION 3. STAGGERED TERMS AND ELECTION SCHEDULE.** If the proposition is approved by a majority of the votes cast at the election, the terms of office and election schedule for the Town Council shall be structured as follows:

(a) Council Place 2 and Council Place 4 shall be elected in May 2027 for three (3) year terms.

(b) Mayor and Council Place 5 shall be elected in May 2028 for three (3) year terms.

(c) Council Place 1 and Council Place 3 shall be elected in May 2029 for three (3) year terms.

Thereafter, elections shall continue on this staggered three-year cycle unless otherwise provided by law.

**SECTION 4. PRECINCTS.** The election precinct for said election shall be the regular precinct of Denton County (Precinct 4017) to the extent that they are within the corporate limits of the Town of Argyle.

**SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTION.** The General Election shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. The election will be conducted jointly with other political subdivisions in Denton County on May 2, 2026, pursuant to Chapters 31 and 271, Texas Election Code. The Town Administrator and Town Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute such election agreement for the election and on behalf of the Town, with approval of all expenses of the joint election as outlined in the election agreement. Town of Argyle will contract with Denton County for a joint election.

**SECTION 6. EARLY VOTING CLERKS.** (a) In accordance with Sections 31.097 and 271.006 of the Texas Election Code, the following named person is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk of the purposes of conducting said election:

Frank Phillips,  
Early Voting Clerk  
Denton County Elections  
PO Box 1720  
Denton, TX 76202  
Email: [elections@dentoncounty.gov](mailto:elections@dentoncounty.gov)

(b) Any permanent county employee serving under the Elections Administrator shall serve as deputy early voting clerks.

**SECTION 7. EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS.** Early voting by personal appearance shall be held jointly with other Denton County public entities at Denton County’s Main Early Voting Site located in the Denton County Administration Building, 701 Kimberly Drive, Denton, Texas 76208 beginning on April 20, 2026, and continuing through April 28, 2026 at the dates and times set forth below *(unless changed by the Denton County Elections Administrator)*:

**Denton County Administration Building  
701 Kimberly Drive, Denton TX**

Monday	April 20	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 21	(No voting due to State Holiday)
Wednesday – Saturday	April 22-April 25, 2026	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	April 26	11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Tuesday	April 27-April 28, 2026	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Additional early voting locations will be identified in the contract executed with the Denton County Elections Administrator

**SECTION 8. ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE AND ELECTION HOURS.** The polling place for all of Precinct 4017 (Town of Argyle) within the corporate limits of the Town of Argyle will be located at a location determined by the Denton County Elections Administrator to be identified in the joint services agreement.

The polls for said election shall be open from 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

**SECTION 9. EARLY VOTING BY MAIL.** The Denton County Elections Administrator is hereby appointed as Early Voting Clerk. Applications for a ballot by mail shall be delivered to the early voting clerk, no later than April 20, 2026, Frank Phillips, PO Box 1720, Denton, Texas 76202.

**SECTION 10. ELECTION OFFICERS.** The election officers for each polling place shall be appointed and compensated pursuant to the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with the Denton County Elections Administrator for said election on May 2, 2026.

**SECTION 11. METHOD OF VOTING.** Voting on the date of the Election and early voting shall be by the use of a lawfully approved voting system. The preparation of the voting equipment to be used in connection with such voting system and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the Texas Election Code (“Code”), as amended. Said ballots shall have printed therein

such provisions, markings, and language as may be required by law. The specific voting machines to be used shall be provided by Denton County in accordance with the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Elections Services with the Denton County Elections Administrator.

**SECTION 12. NOTICE OF ELECTION.** The Town Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish and/or post, in the time and manner prescribed by law, all notices required to be so published and/or posted in connection with the conduct of these elections.

**SECTION 13. GOVERNING LAW.** The elections shall be held as set forth by the Texas Election Code, and all resident registered voters of the Town shall be eligible to vote in said Elections. The Mayor and the Town Secretary of the Town, in consultation with the Town Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and any other state or federal law in carrying out and conducting the elections, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

**SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

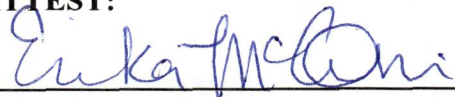
PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ARGYLE, TEXAS ON THIS THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

**TOWN OF ARGYLE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ronald Schmidt**  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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**Erika McComis**  
Town Secretary



**ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR TOWN OF ARGYLE**  
**ORDEN DE ELECCIONES ESPECIALES PARA LA CIUDAD DE ARGYLE**

A special election is hereby ordered to be held on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the voters the following ballot proposition:

*Por la presente, se ordena que se celebren unas elecciones especiales el día 2 de mayo de 2026 con el propósito de presentar a los votantes la siguiente propuesta de boleta:*

**“PROPOSITION / “PROPUESTA**

*“Shall the term of office for members of the Town Council of the Town of Argyle be changed from two (2) years to three (3) years, beginning with the terms of office commencing in 2027, with council positions elected on a staggered basis.”*

*“¿Se modificará el mandato de los miembros del Consejo Municipal de la ciudad de Argyle de dos (2) años a tres (3) años, a partir de los mandatos que comiencen en 2027, con la elección de los concejales de forma escalonada?”*

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at places, times, and locations authorized and required by state law and the Election Officer and shall commence on Monday, April 20, 2026, and continue through Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

*La votación anticipada presencial se llevará a cabo en los lugares, horas y ubicaciones autorizados y exigidos por la ley estatal y el Funcionario Electoral. Comenzará el lunes 20 de abril de 2026 y continuará hasta el martes 28 de abril de 2026.*

Applications for a ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

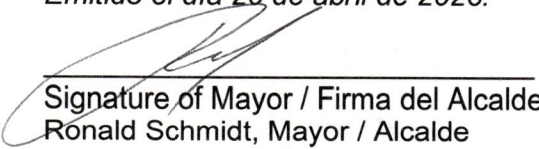
*Las solicitudes para una boleta de votación por correspondencia deben enviarse a:*

Frank Phillips, Early Voting Clerk  
PO Box 1720, Denton, TX 76202  
Email: elections@dentoncounty.gov  
940-349-3200

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 20, 2026. *Las solicitudes para una boleta de votación por correspondencia deben recibirse a más tardar durante la finalización del horario laboral del día 20 de Abril de 2026.*

Issued this the 20th day of January 2026.

*Emitido el día 20 de abril de 2026.*

  
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Signature of Mayor / Firma del Alcalde  
Ronald Schmidt, Mayor / Alcalde

On behalf of Mayor Pro Tem Cynthia Hermann  
Council Member Martin Brading  
Council Member Casey Stewart

Council Member Gustave Svehla  
Council Member Chad Boyd

*This Order of Election is a part of Ordinance #2026-03 and therefore does not require signatures from each member of Town Council. Esta Orden de Elecciones es parte de la Ordenanza n.º 2026-03 y, por lo tanto, no requiere firmas de cada miembro del Concejo Municipal.*