



ORDINANCE NO. 25-116

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, PECOS COUNTY, TEXAS, ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 11, 2025, IN THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE POSITION OF ONE (1) COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLACE 1 OF THE FORT STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED THREE (3) YEAR TERM EXPIRING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW UPON CANVASSING OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION; DESIGNATING THE EARLY VOTING CLERK; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OFFICERS; DESIGNATING THE PLACE AND MANNER OF HOLDING SAID ELECTION; DESIGNATING THE EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE; PROVIDING FOR THE POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, City Council Place 1 is vacant, with an unexpired term lasting until the Fort Stockton General Election in November 2026, such vacancy occurring on July 1, 2025, pursuant to Texas Election Code §201.023; and

WHEREAS, in Accordance with the City of Fort Stockton's Home Rule Charter in the event of a vacancy in the City Council, if there are 365 days or more remaining on the term of the vacated City Council Office, the City Council shall call a special election to fill such vacancy; and

WHEREAS, under Article XI, §11 of the Texas Constitution any vacancy on such governing body shall not be filled by appointment but must be filled by majority vote of the qualified voters at a special election called for such purpose within one hundred and twenty (120) days after such vacancy occurs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to order a Special Election to fill the vacant seat for City Council Place 1 in accordance with this Ordinance and the Election Notice; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Stockton enters into agreements with Pecos County to conduct the City's elections, pursuant to Chapter 31, Tex. Elec. Code, and Chapter 791, Tex. Gov't Code and such agreements provide for political subdivisions that hold elections on the same day in all or part of the same territory to hold joint elections as authorized in Chapter 271, Tex. Elec. Code; and

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Ordinance is considered is open to the public as required by law, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by §551.043 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Stockton contracts with the Pecos County Elections Administrator for administration and coordination of any General and Special City Elections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to designate polling places for the election, to appoint the necessary election officers, to establish and set forth procedures for conducting the election and authorize the City of Fort Stockton to enter into a contract with Pecos County to conduct the election.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS THAT:

**SECTION 1
Order of Election**

An Election is hereby ordered to be held on October 11, 2025 for the purpose of voting on One (1) Council Member Place 1 to fill the unexpired term on the Fort Stockton City Council.

(Por la presente, se ordena celebrar una elección el 11 de octubre de 2025 con el propósito de votar sobre uno (1) Miembro del Concejo Lugar 1 para llenar el periodo no vencido en el Concejo Municipal de Fort Stockton.)

Applications for a place on the ballot shall be filed by August 11, 2025 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 11 de agosto de 2025 a las 5:00 p.m. De acuerdo con la orden de elección especial se requiere un fecha límite)

Offices on the ballot (<i>Enúmere los puestos en la boleta</i>)
Council Member Place 1 – Unexpired Term (<i>Miembro de Consejo Lugar 1 – Duración Restante del Término</i>)

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:*)

MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE LOCATION
(SITIO PRINCIPAL DE VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA)

Location (<i>sitio</i>)	Days and Hours of Operation (<i>Días y Horas Hábiles</i>)
Pecos County Annex Courtroom 200 S. Nelson Fort Stockton, Texas 79735	September 24, 2025 – September 26, 2025 (<i>24 de septiembre de 2025 – 26 de septiembre de 2025</i>) 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. September 29, 2025 – October 3, 2025 (<i>29 de septiembre de 2025 – 3 de octubre de 2025</i>) 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. October 6, 2025 – October 7, 2025 (<i>6 de octubre de 2025 – 7 de octubre de 2025</i>) 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

BRANCH EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS
(SUCURSAL SITIOS DE VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA)

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Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

SOPHIA FRANCO, PECOS COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

Name of Early Voting Clerk

(Nombre del Secretario/a de la Votación Adelantada)

200 S. NELSON

Address

(Dirección)

FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS 79735

City, State, Zip

(Ciudad, Estado, Zona Postal)

(432) 336-2115

Telephone Number

(Número de teléfono)

sophia.franco@co.pecos.tx.us

E-mail Address

(Correo Electrónico)

www.co.pecos.tx.us

Website

(Sitio Web)

Applications for ballots by mail (ABBM)s must be received no later than the close of business on September 30, 2025.

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el día 30 de septiembre de 2025.)

Federal Post Card Application (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on September 30, 2025.

(La Tarjeta Federal Postal de Solicitud deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el día 30 de septiembre de 2025.)

**SECTION 2
Early Voting Clerk**

The Pecos County Election Administrator is designated as the Early Voting Clerk. Additional Deputy Early Voting Clerks may be appointed, as provided in the Contract.

**SECTION 3
Election Officers**

The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Election Judge shall be appointed by Pecos County as indicated in the Contract and authorized by Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code.

The Election Judges to serve at the polling places of said election shall be and are hereby appointed as follows:

**PRESIDING JUDGE &
EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD ALTERNATE JUDGE**

Linda Blanco

ALTERNATE JUDGE

Diane Moore

EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD PRESIDING JUDGE

Sandy Young

- a) In accordance with Section §32.091(a) of the Texas Election Code, the Judges and Clerks shall be paid at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.
- b) There shall be a minimum of three (3) Clerks at the polling place, which includes the Presiding Judge.

SECTION 4

Method of Voting

The Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary supplies to conduct the special election, in accordance with this Ordinance and the Texas Election Code. Voting at the election shall be by electronic means.

SECTION 5

Notice

A notice of the Special Election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the election on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the City Council and shall be published at least once, not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the tenth (10th) day before the election in a newspaper published and of general circulation in the City of Fort Stockton.

SECTION 6

Governing Law

This election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the United States and the Texas Election Code and all resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote in the election.

SECTION 7

Necessary Actions

The Mayor and City Secretary of the City, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action necessary to comply with provisions of the Texas Election Code or other state and federal statutes and constitutions in carrying out the conduct of the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

SECTION 8

Severability

If any provisions, section, exception, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances, shall for any reason be held unconstitutional, void or invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances and to this end all provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 9

Conflict

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed; provided however, that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency and in all other respects this ordinance shall be cumulative of other ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this ordinance.

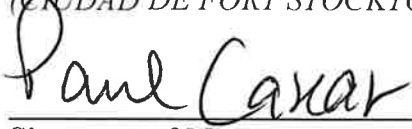
SECTION 10

Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OR THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS on this 28th day of July 2025.

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON:
(CIUDAD DE FORT STOCKTON:)



Signature of Mayor
(Firma del Alcalde)





Signature of Councilperson
(Firma del Concejal)



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(Firma del Concejal)

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(Firma del Concejal)

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(Firma del Concejal)



Frank Rodriguez III, City Manager
(Frank Rodríguez III, Administrador de la Ciudad)

Attest:
(Atestiguar:)



Marina Cantu, City Secretary
(Marina Cantú, Secretaria Municipal)

Approved As To Form & Legality:
(Aprobado en cuanto a forma y legalidad:)



Jesse Gonzales, Jr., City Attorney
(Jesse Gonzales, Jr., Abogado de la Ciudad)

Instruction Note: A copy of this election order must be delivered to the County Clerk/Elections Administrator and Voter Registrar not later than 60 days before election day. (Nota de Instrucción: Se deberá entregar una copia de esta orden de elección al/a la Secretario(a) del Condado/Administrador(a) de Elecciones y el/la Registrador(a) de Votantes a más tardar 60 días antes del día de elección.)