



ORDINANCE NO. 349

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UHLAND, TEXAS, CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAY 02, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CERTAIN OFFICIALS; DESIGNATING ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR PERFORMANCE OF REQUIRED ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTION; CERTIFYING PROVISION OF REQUIRED ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEMS AT EACH POLLING PLACE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION.

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTIES OF CALDWELL § **KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:**
AND HAYS §
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CITY OF UHLAND §

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Election Code (as amended), and other related statutes, the City Council of the City of Umland, Texas, is authorized to order a city election for the purpose of electing Councilmember Place 1, Councilmember Place 2, and Councilmember Place 3; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that Saturday, May 02, 2026, is the appropriate date for holding the election to elect Councilmember Place 1, Councilmember Place 2, and Councilmember Place 3; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to encourage all registered voters in the city to vote in this election; Now Therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UHLAND, TEXAS:

I.

Section 1. ELECTION DATE, PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES, AND ELECTION JUDGES.

Election Date. An election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May

02, 2026, in accordance with the attached Order of Election, which Order of Election is labeled as Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Precincts and Polling Places. For voters in Caldwell County, the City hereby designates the election precincts and polling places designated by the Caldwell County Elections Administrator and approved by the Caldwell County Commissioners Court for Election Day voting, and same are delineated on Exhibit “A-1” attached to the Order of Election and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

For voters in Hays County, the City hereby designates the election precincts and polling places designated by the Hays County Elections Administrator and approved by the Hays County Commissioners Court for Election Day voting, and same are delineated on Exhibit “A-2” attached to the Order of Election and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Election Judges. For voters in Caldwell County, the Caldwell County Elections Administrator is conducting such election for the City pursuant to the terms of a Contract for Election Services. The City Council hereby appoints, for the term of such election, the presiding election judge(s) and alternate election judge(s) as being those designated by the Caldwell County Elections Administrator.

For voters in Hays County, the Hays County Clerk is conducting such election for the City pursuant to the terms of a Contract for Election Services. The City Council hereby appoints, for the term of such election, the presiding election judge(s) and alternate election judge(s) as being those designated by the Hays County Clerk.

Section 2. ELECTION CLERKS.

The presiding election judge is hereby authorized to appoint the number of election clerks necessary to assist in the proper conduct of the election, and such election clerks shall be qualified voters of the City of Umland, Texas. If the election is conducted by the regularly appointed presiding election judge, then the alternate presiding election judge shall be appointed to serve as one of the clerks. The appointment of such clerks shall include a person fluent in the Spanish language to serve as a clerk to render oral aid in the Spanish language to any voter desiring such aid at the polls on the day of the election.

Section 3. EARLY VOTING.

Early Voting Clerk. For voters in Caldwell County, the City Council hereby appoints the Caldwell County Elections Administrator as the City of Umland Election Officer and Early Voting Clerk. The Early Voting Clerk’s mailing address to which applications for ballots by mail may be sent, for voters residing in Caldwell County, is as follows:

Postal Mail: Caldwell County Elections
1403 Blackjack, Suite A
Lockhart, TX 78644

Commercial Carrier or
Personal Delivery: 1403 Blackjack, Suite A
Lockhart, TX 78644
Telephone: (512) 668-4347
Fax: (512) 398-1821
Email: caldwellec@co.caldwell.tx.us
Website: <https://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/ElectionsOffice>

For voters in Hays County, the City Council hereby appoints the Hays County Clerk as the City of Umland Election Officer and Early Voting Clerk. The Early Voting Clerk's mailing address to which applications for ballots by mail may be sent, for voters residing in Hays County, is as follows:

Postal Mail: Hays County Elections Administrator and
Voter Registrar
712 S. Stagecoach Trail
San Marcos, Texas 78666
Commercial Carrier or 712 S. Stagecoach Trail
Personal Delivery: San Marcos, Texas 78666
Telephone: (512) 393-7310
Email: elections@co.hays.tx.us
Website: <https://www.hayscountytexas.gov/elections>

Applications for ballots by mail must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2026.

Dates for Early Voting. Early voting shall commence on April 20, 2026, and continue through April 28, 2026, as provided by the Texas Election Code and as shown on attached exhibits.

Places for Early Voting. For voters in Caldwell County, early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance and by mail at the early voting polling places and temporary polling places designated by the Caldwell County Elections Administrator and approved by the Caldwell County Commissioners Court for early voting, and same are delineated on Exhibit "B-1" attached to the Order of Election and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

For voters in Hays County, early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance and by mail at the early voting polling places and temporary polling places designated by the Hays County Clerk and approved by the Hays County Commissioners Court for early voting, and same are delineated on Exhibit "B-2" attached to the Order of Election and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Times for Early Voting. For voters in Caldwell County, during the period in which early voting is required or permitted by law, that being April 20, 2026, through April 28, 2026, the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be designated in writing by the Caldwell County Elections Administrator and approved by the Caldwell County Commissioners Court.

For voters in Hays County, during the period in which early voting is required or permitted by law, that being April 20, 2026, through April 28, 2026, the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be designated in writing by the Hays County Clerk, and approved by the Hays County Commissioners Court.

Section 4. EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD.

For voters in Caldwell County, an Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby created to process early voting results, and the City hereby appoints the presiding judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board as appointed by the Caldwell County Elections Administrator. Such presiding judge shall appoint not less than two (2) other qualified members to serve on such Board.

For voters in Hays County, an Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby created to process early voting results, and the City hereby appoints the presiding judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board as appointed by the Hays County Clerk. Such presiding judge shall appoint not less than two (2) other qualified members to serve on such Board.

Section 5. CUSTODIAN OF ELECTION RECORDS.

For voters in Caldwell County, pursuant to the Texas Election Code and the applicable Contract for Election Services, the Caldwell County Elections Administrator shall serve as the custodian of voted ballots, and the City Secretary of Umland, Texas shall be appointed as custodian of all other election records.

For voters in Hays County, pursuant to the Texas Election Code and the applicable Contract for Election Services, the Hays County Clerk shall serve as the custodian of voted ballots, and the City Secretary of Umland, Texas shall be appointed as custodian of all other election records.

Section 6. CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD.

In accordance with Section 143.007(c)(2) of the Texas Election Code, the deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot for this election is declared to be 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2026. The deadline for a write-in candidate to declare candidacy is Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Section 7. VOTERS.

All resident, qualified voters of the City shall be entitled to vote at the election.

Section 8. NOTICE.

Posting. Notice of this election, including a Spanish translation hereof, shall be given by posting the appropriate documentation on the bulletin board used for posting notices of City Council meetings and on the city website, and same shall be posted not later than Saturday, April 11, 2026, and shall remain posted through Election Day.

Publication. Notice of this election, including a Spanish translation hereof, shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, the publication to appear not earlier than April

02, 2026, or later than April 22, 2026.

Authorization to City Secretary. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish and post the required notices in the manner and for the time periods required by law.

Section 9. VOTING DEVICES.

For voters in Caldwell County, pursuant to the Election Code and the applicable Contract for Election Services, the Caldwell County Elections Administrator may use electronic voting systems and corresponding voting devices and equipment in conducting the election. The Caldwell County Elections Administrator is currently using election systems and software certified by the Texas Secretary of State.

For voters in Hays County, pursuant to the Election Code and the applicable Contract for Election Services, the Hays County Clerk may use electronic voting systems and corresponding voting devices and equipment in conducting the election. The Hays County Clerk is currently using election systems and software certified by the Texas Secretary of State.

The Caldwell County Elections Administrator and the Hays County Clerk, respectively, may also utilize a central counting station as provided by Texas Election Code Section 127.000 *et seq.*, as amended.

The City Council of the City of Umland, Texas, finds as follows:

Section 61.012, Texas Election Code, requires that at least one accessible voting station must be provided in each polling place used in a Texas election. Such system must comply with state and federal laws setting the requirements for voting systems that (i) fully comply with applicable laws relating to accessible voting systems which make voting accessible for disabled voters; and (ii) provide a practical and effective means for voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. The Office of the Texas Secretary of State has certified that the DRE - Election Systems and Software iVotronic is an accessible voting system that may legally be used in Texas elections.

Sections 123.032 and 123.035, Texas Election Code, authorize the acquisition of voting systems by local political subdivisions and further mandate certain minimum requirements for contracts relating to the acquisition of such voting systems. For voters in Caldwell County and for voters in Hays County, as chief elections officer for the City of Umland, the Caldwell County Elections Administrator and the Hays County Clerk shall provide at least one DRE - Election Systems and Software iVotronic in each polling place at every polling location used to conduct any election. The DRE - Election Systems and Software iVotronic may be acquired by any legal means available to the City of Umland, including but not limited to lease or rental from Caldwell County or Hays County or from any other legal source, as authorized or required by Sections 123.032 and 123.035 of the Texas Election Code.

Section 10. CONDUCT ACCORDING TO STATUTES.

In all substantive respects, the election shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code, and any other applicable statutes.

Section 11. ELECTION RESULTS.

For voters in Caldwell County, the Caldwell County Elections Administrator shall conduct an unofficial tabulation of results after the closing of the polls on May 02, 2026.

For voters in Hays County, the Hays County Elections Administrator shall conduct an unofficial tabulation of results after the closing of the polls on May 02, 2026.

The official canvass, tabulation and declaration of the results of the election shall be conducted by the City Council at a regular or special council meeting held in accordance with provisions of the Texas Election Code.

Section 12. MISCELLANEOUS.

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and in case any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance should be held to be invalid, unconstitutional, or ineffective as to any person or circumstance, then the remainder of this Ordinance nevertheless shall be valid, and the application of any such invalid provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

II.

A. All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or resolutions in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

B. The invalidity of any section or provision of this ordinance shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

C. The City Council hereby finds and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this ordinance was adopted was posted and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this ordinance and the subject matter hereof were discussed, considered and formally acted upon, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED ON the 15th day of January, 2026.



Lacey Duke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kimberly Weatherford, City Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"

ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION CITY OF UHLAND, TEXAS

A general election is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, May 02, 2026, for the purpose of electing Councilmember Place 1, Councilmember Place 2, and Councilmember Place 3.

For voters in Caldwell County, the election day precincts are as delineated on Exhibit "A-1" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

For voters in Hays County, the election day precincts are as delineated on Exhibit "A-2" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

For voters in Caldwell County, early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the locations designated by the Caldwell County Elections Administrator and approved by the Caldwell County Commissioners Court, all as are delineated on Exhibit "B-1" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

For voters in Hays County, early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the locations designated by the Hays County Elections Administrator and approved by the Hays County Commissioners Court, all as are delineated on Exhibit "B-2" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

For voters in Caldwell County, applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed or submitted electronically to:

Postal Mail: Caldwell County Elections
1403 Blackjack, Suite A
Lockhart, TX 78644

Commercial
Carrier or
Personal
Delivery:

1403 Blackjack, Suite A
Lockhart, TX 78644

Telephone: (512) 668-4347

Fax: (512) 398-1821

Email: caldwellec@co.caldwell.tx.us

Website: <https://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/ElectionsOffice>

For voters in Hays County, applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed or submitted electronically to:

Postal Mail: Hays County Elections Administrator and
Voter Registrar
712 S. Stagecoach Trail
San Marcos, Texas 78666

Commercial Carrier or 712 S. Stagecoach Trail
Personal Delivery: San Marcos, Texas 78666

Telephone: (512) 393-7310
Email: elections@co.hays.tx.us
Website: <https://www.hayscountytexas.gov/elections>

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than 5:00 pm on April 20,
2026.

Issued this 15th day of January, 2026.



LACEE DUKE, Mayor
City of Umland, Texas

EXHIBIT "A-1"

CALDWELL COUNTY ELECTION DAY PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES

*As of the date the Election Order was issued, Caldwell County had not determined the Election Day precincts and polling places. As soon as this information is made available from Caldwell County, it will be attached as Exhibit "A-1" to this Election Order.

EXHIBIT "A-2"

HAYS COUNTY ELECTION DAY PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES

*As of the date the Election Order was issued, Hays County had not determined the Election Day precincts and polling places. As soon as this information is made available from Hays County, it will be attached as Exhibit "A-2" to this Election Order.

EXHIBIT "B-1"

**EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIMES –
CALDWELL COUNTY**

*As of the date the Election Order was issued, Caldwell County had not determined the Early Voting locations, dates and times. As soon as this information is made available from Caldwell County, it will be attached as Exhibit "B-1" to this Election Order.

EXHIBIT "B-2"

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIMES – HAYS COUNTY

*As of the date the Election Order was issued, Hays County had not determined the Early Voting locations, dates and times. As soon as this information is made available from Hays County, it will be attached as Exhibit "B-2" to this Election Order.