

ORDINANCE 031026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CADDO MILLS, TEXAS, CANCELING THE MAY 3, 2025 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF CADDO MILLS, TEXAS AND DECLARING THREE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER POSITIONS AS ELECTED; REQUIRING POSTING OF THIS ORDINANCE AT EACH POLLING PLACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW; REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION TO EACH CANDIDATE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2026, the City Council of the City of Caddo Mills, Texas ordered a General Election to be held on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing one (1) Council Member for a two-year term, and two (2) Council Members for a three-year term; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Election Code, the deadline for filing applications for a place on the ballot and declaration of write-in candidacy for the City's General Election has expired; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.053, Texas Election Code, authorizes the City Council, by ordinance, to declare each unopposed candidate elected to office and cancel the election; and

WHEREAS, the City Secretary, in accordance with Section 2.052, Texas Election Code, has certified in writing to the City Council that Shawn Bentley, John Verity, and Cody Hawkins are unopposed for election to the Council Member offices; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that said candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot in said election are unopposed, there are no declared write-in candidates, and no propositions to appear on the ballot for said election; and

WHEREAS, under these circumstances, the City Council desires to declare the candidates elected to office and cancel the General Election as authorized by state law; now

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CADDO MILLS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to Section 2.053(b), Texas Election Code, the General Election that was previously called for May 2, 2026, for the purpose of election of one (1) Council Member to serve for a term of two (2) years, and two (2) Council Members to serve for a term of three (3) years, shall not be held and is hereby canceled.

SECTION 2. That in accordance with Section 2.053 (a), Texas Election Code, the following unopposed candidates are hereby declared duly elected to the respective offices shown and shall be issued a certificate of election no sooner than six (6) days after May 2, 2026: Cody Hawkins Council Member, for a term of two (2) years; Shawn Bentley Council Member, for a term of three (3) years; and John Verity Council Member for a term of three (3) years.

SECTION 3. That the City Secretary hereby is directed to cause a copy of this Ordinance to be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election. The Mayor of the City of Caddo Mills, Texas is directed to issue a Certificate of Election to each of the above-named Council Members, no sooner than six (6) days after May 2, 2026. Each person elected must qualify for the office in the manner provided by the Texas Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 4. That it is declared to be the intent of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and section of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of the ordinance is declared invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance since the City Council would have enacted them without the invalid portion.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and upon its final passage, as the law in such cases provides.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Caddo Mills, Texas, this 10th day of March 2026.


Chris Davies, Mayor

ATTEST:


Becky Patallo, City Secretary

SAMPLE ORDER OF CANCELLATION
EJEMPLO DE ORDEN DE CANCELACIÓN

The City of Caddo Mills hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on
(official name of governing body)
May 2, 2020 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas
(date on which election was scheduled to be held)
Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby
elected as follows:

El Ciudad de Caddo Mills por la presente cancela la elección que, de lo contrario,
(nombre oficial de la entidad gobernante)
se hubiera celebrado el 2 de mayo de 2020 de conformidad, con
(fecha en que se hubiera celebrado la elección)
la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido
certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado
a continuación:

Candidate (Candidato)	Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta candidatura)
<u>Shawn Bentley</u>	<u>Place 1</u>
<u>John Verity</u>	<u>Place 2</u>
<u>Cody Hawkins</u>	<u>Place 5</u>

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been
used in the election.

*El Día de las Elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que
se hubieran utilizado en la elección.*



President (Presidente)



Secretary (Secretario)

(seal) (sello)

3-10-2020

Date of adoption (Fecha de adopción)