

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS, CANCELING THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICES OF MAYOR, ALDERMAN PLACE 1, AND ALDERMAN PLACE 2 THAT WAS TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026; DECLARING SAID CANDIDATES TO BE UNOPPOSED AND ELECTED; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dalworthington Gardens, Texas ("City") is a Type A General Law Municipality located in Tarrant County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City previously adopted Ordinance 1/15/2026 calling for a General Election for the places of Mayor, Alderman Place 1, and Alderman Place 2; and

**WHEREAS**, the filing deadlines for placement on the general election ballot and declaration of write in candidacy has passed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Secretary has certified in writing that the candidates are unopposed for said election and delivered certification of unopposed candidate to the governing body in accordance with the law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS, THAT:**

**Section 1.**

The City of Dalworthington Gardens City Council hereby accepts the City Secretary's certification of unopposed candidate and cancels the general election scheduled to be held on May 2, 2026, in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election code. A copy of this Ordinance shall be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the general election.

**Section 2.**

Laurie Bianco, having been certified as an unopposed candidate to Mayor, is hereby declared elected to the office of City Council, Mayor.

John King, having been certified as an unopposed candidate to Alderman Place 1, is hereby declared elected to the office of City Council, Alderman Place 1.

Steve Lafferty, having been certified as an unopposed candidate to Alderman Place 2, is hereby declared elected to the office of City Council, Alderman Place 2.

**Section 3.**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this order are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this order, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this order of any such invalid or unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**Section 4.**

This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 19th day of March, 2026.

**CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON  
GARDENS, TEXAS**

*Laura Bianco*  
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Laura Bianco, Mayor

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
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Sandra Ma, City Secretary

