

City of Dorchester  
Municipalities Election Order

**BE ORDERED BY THE CITY OF DORCHESTER:**

That an election is to be held on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 for the purpose of electing three (3) Aldermen. They are seats currently held by Willies Ballou, Jeremy DeVore, and Justyn Davis.

That all requests by candidates to have their names placed on the ballot for the above-mentioned election shall be in writing and signed by the candidate. The application shall be filed with the Secretary of City of Dorchester at the City Hall not later than 78 days prior to the date of said election (Friday, February 13, 2026). All candidates shall file with said application the loyalty affidavit required (Sec. 141.031, Election Code).

The Secretary of the City of Dorchester shall post or have to be posted by Election Manager, in the City of Dorchester, City Hall, the names of all candidates that have filed their applications in accordance with the terms and provisions of this order and said Election Manager shall otherwise comply with the terms and provisions (Sec. 141.035, Election Code). The election may be canceled if each candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot is unopposed (Sec. 20.51, Election Code).

That said election will be conducted by the Grayson County Elections Administration and will be held either:

Howe Summit Gardens Event Center, main doors, 100 E O'Connell St. Howe, Texas 75459 or

Howe Municipal Courtroom 700 W. Haning, Howe, Texas 75459

Dorchester City Hall, 373 Main St., Dorchester, Tx 75459.

(In the event that the City of Dorchester does not hold an election the Dorchester site will not be open.)

Becky Vincent, City Secretary for the City of Dorchester is hereby appointed Election Manager and overseer for said election and shall be in charge of procedures governing said election.

That it is hereby ordered that early voting shall begin on April 20, 2026, and continue through April 28, 2026 either/or Howe Summit Gardens, 100 E O'Connell St. Howe, Texas 75459 / Howe Municipal Courtroom 700 W. Haning, Howe, Texas 75459. (Still to be determined which location) Voting will be available Monday, April 20, 2026 – Friday, April 24, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 28, 2026 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 pm.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
Grayson County Early Voting Clerk  
115 W. Houston  
Sherman, Tx 75090  
903-893-8683

Applications can also be emailed to: [votegrayson@co.grayson.tx.us](mailto:votegrayson@co.grayson.tx.us) or faxed to: 903-891-4370.  
If an application is submitted by email or fax, the original must be received by mail within 4 business days.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 20, 2026.

All workers will be appointed by the Grayson County Elections Administration. This includes all presiding judges, clerks, judge of Central Count and judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board.

The ballots shall be translated into Spanish, eliminating the need to appoint an interpreter for said election.

The method for voting in said election shall be by Electronic Touch Screen Voting Machines.

The Grayson County Elections Administration will be designated as the Central Counting Station for tabulating the voted ballots of said election.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed, as near as may be, by the Election Code of this State.

The Mayor shall cause a Notice of Election to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where this City is located. Said publication shall be not more than 30 days or less than 10 days before the date of said election.

**Approved by the Council of City of Dorchester at a meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, and executed by its authorized representative.**

By:   
David Smith, Mayor

Attest:   
Becky Vincent, City Secretary