

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING A PROPOSED TAX RATE THAT EXCEEDS THE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE FOR THE 2025 TAX YEAR.

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2025, the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas (“**City Council**”) approved Ordinance No. 5185 adopting and levying the ad valorem taxes for the tax year 2025 at a rate of \$0.730000 per \$100 assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Mesquite, Texas (“**City**”); and

WHEREAS, for the 2025 tax year, the voter-approval tax rate, as defined in the Texas Tax Code, is \$0.704692; and

WHEREAS, the purpose for which the City Council adopted a tax rate exceeding the voter-approval tax rate is for increasing fire and police staffing levels and competitive pay for fire and police personnel and increasing funding for alley and street maintenance.

WHEREAS, Texas Tax Code § 26.07 provides that if the City Council adopts a tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate, the registered voters of the City at an election held for that purpose must determine whether to approve the adopted Tax Rate and that the City Council shall order that the election be held in the City on the uniform election date prescribed by Texas Election Code § 41.001 that occurs in November of the applicable tax year; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the City Council order a special election to be held on November 4, 2025, for the registered voters of the City to determine whether to approve the adopted tax rate for tax year 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Findings. The findings contained in the preamble of this resolution are determined to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as a part of this resolution.

SECTION 2. Special Election Ordered. A special election is hereby ordered and shall be held in the City on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters of the City the proposition provided herein. The special election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code, the Statutes of the State of Texas, and the Charter and ordinances of the City of Mesquite and shall be in conformity with the procedures set forth herein.

SECTION 3. Official Ballot; Proposition. The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with state law to submit to the registered voters of the City a proposed tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval rate for the purpose of increasing fire and police staffing levels and competitive pay for fire and police personnel and increasing funding for alley and street maintenance. The ballot shall be prepared to permit voting “FOR” or “AGAINST” the proposition, with the proposition expressed on the official ballot as follows:

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CITY OF MESQUITE PROPOSITION A

THIS IS A TAX INCREASE

Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.730000 per \$100 valuation in the City of Mesquite, Texas for the current year, a rate that is \$0.025308 higher per \$100 valuation than the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Mesquite, Texas, for the purpose of increasing staff for the police department and fire department, increasing funding for roadway construction and maintenance, enhancing city-wide services and competitive pay for public safety personnel. Last year, the ad valorem tax rate in the City of Mesquite, Texas was \$0.690000 per \$100 valuation.

SECTION 4. Notice. The Mayor shall give notice of the special election by causing the notice to be published at least once not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before special election day as provided in § 4.003(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code, and the notice shall include the information required by Texas Election Code § 4.004. Notice shall also be posted on the City's website and on the bulletin boards used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council not later than the 21st day before election day.

SECTION 5. Election Administration. The special election shall be administered by the Dallas County Elections Department and Kaufman County Elections Department pursuant to Joint Election Agreements. In compliance with Texas Election Code § 271.006, Heider Garcia, Dallas County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed election officer and clerk of early voting in Dallas County and Tandi Smith, Kaufman County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed election officer and clerk of early voting in Kaufman County.

SECTION 6. Polling Places. The location of each polling place on election day shall be stated in the notice provided under Section 4 of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. Early Voting. The early voting polling places for conducting early voting by personal appearance for said election are set forth in Exhibit A. The early voting ballots for the special election will be processed by an early voting ballot board to be created in accordance with the Texas Election Code Chapter 87, as amended, and Joint Election Agreement.

SECTION 8. Voting Hours; Period for Early Voting by Personal Appearance.

(a) On election day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

(b) The dates and hours for early voting by personal appearance at the early voting polling places shall be as described in Exhibit A hereto.

SECTION 9. Applications for Early Voting by Mail. For residents in Dallas County, an application for a ballot to be voted by mail shall be submitted by mail, carrier delivery, fax or email (scanned application containing an original signature) to:

Heider Garcia
Early Voting Clerk
Dallas County Elections Department
1520 Round Table Dr.
Dallas, Texas 75247
Email: evapplications@dallascounty.org
Fax: 214.819.6301

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For residents in Kaufman County, an application for a ballot to be voted by mail shall be submitted by mail, carrier delivery, fax or email (scanned application containing an original signature) to:

Tandi Smith
Early Voting Clerk
Kaufman County Courthouse Annex
P.O. Box 1347
Kaufman, Texas 75142
Email: tandi.smith@kaufmancounty.net
Fax: 469.932.1413

If an application for ballot by mail (“**ABBM**”) is faxed or emailed or if a Federal Postcard Application (“**FPCA**”) is faxed, the early voting clerk must receive the original ABBM or FPCA no later than the 4th business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA. If such original ABBM or FPCA is not received by the early voting clerk by the deadline, the faxed or emailed ABBM or faxed FPCA will be considered incomplete, and the early voting clerk may NOT send the applicant a ballot. The requirement to mail the original application does not apply to an emailed FPCA. An ABBM must be received by Noon or close of business, whichever is later, on Friday, October 24, 2025. An FPCA must be received in accordance with Texas Election Code § 101.052.

SECTION 10. Special Election Results. In accordance with Texas Tax Code § 26.07, if a majority of the votes cast in the special election favor the proposition, the tax rate for the tax year 2025 is the rate that was adopted by the City Council, and if the proposition is not approved, the tax rate will be the voter-approval tax rate.

SECTION 11. Severability. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, that the words, phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this resolution are severable, and if any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this resolution shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this resolution, the City Council hereby declaring that this resolution would have been enacted by the City Council without incorporation of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 12. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 18th day of August 2025.

Signed by:

Daniel Alemán, Jr.

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Mayor

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City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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David L. Paschall

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City Attorney

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Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted by the Dallas County Elections Department and Kaufman County Elections Department.

Any qualified voter for the election may vote early by personal appearance at either the main early voting location or at any of the branch locations.

The main early voting polling place in **Dallas County** is:

Elections Training/Warehouse
1460 Round Table Dr.
Dallas, Texas 75247

The main early voting polling place in **Kaufman County** is:

Kaufman County Library
Community Room
3790 S. Houston St.
Kaufman, Texas 75142

For City of Mesquite registered voters in **Dallas County**, early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at:

Dallas County Mesquite Government Center, Community Room, L101	500 S. Galloway Ave.	Mesquite, TX 75149
Florence Recreation Center, Event Room	2501 Whitson Way	Mesquite, TX 75150
Eastfield Campus – Dallas College, G Building, Lobby	3737 Motley Dr.	Mesquite, TX 75150

(Provided by Dallas County Elections Department. Subject to change.)

and at all locations as designated by the Dallas County Elections Administrator, on the following dates and times:

Monday – Friday, October 20, 2025, through October 24, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 25, 2025, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 26, 2025, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday, October 27, 2025, through October 31, 2025, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

For City of Mesquite registered voters in **Kaufman County**, early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at:

Forney Sub Courthouse, Court Room	200 E. Main St.	Forney, TX 75126
Terrell Sub Courthouse, Training Center	408 E. College St.	Terrell, TX 75160
Kemp Sub Courthouse, Court Room	103 N. Main St.	Kemp, TX 75143
Crandall/Combine Community Ctr., Community Room	500 W. Lewis/FM 3039	Crandall, TX 75114

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on the following dates and times:

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Saturday, October 25, 2025, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 26, 2025, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Monday – Wednesday, October 27, 2025, through October 29, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday – Friday, October 30, 2025, through October 31, 2025, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.