

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03-09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 3, 2025, GENERAL ELECTION ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELING THE ELECTION IN THE CITY OF DECATUR FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBERS FOR PLACES 2, 4 AND 6; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City's general election was called for May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing three (3) Councilmembers to the City Council for Places 2, 4, and 6, each for two (2) year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, the filing deadlines for placement on the ballot and list of write-in candidates has concluded; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Secretary has certified in writing in **Exhibit "A"**, attached to this Ordinance and incorporated as if set forth fully herein, that there is no proposition on the ballot, that no person has made a declaration of write-in candidacy, and that the candidates on the ballots for the places listed in Section 2 below are unopposed for election to office; and

**WHEREAS**, under these circumstances, Subchapter C, Chapter 2, of the Texas Election Code, authorizes the City Council to declare the candidates elected to office and cancel the election for the Office of Councilmembers for Places 2, 4, and 6.

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

**Section 1:** The foregoing recitals are the findings of the City Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance as if set forth fully herein.

**Section 2:** The following candidates are unopposed in the May 3, 2025, general election, are declared elected to office, and shall be issued certificates of election following the time the election would have been canvassed:

Office of Councilmember Place 2	Jake Hayes
Office of Councilmember Place 4	Will Carpenter
Office of Councilmember Place 6	Melinda K. Reeves

**Section 3:** The May 3, 2025, general election is canceled for the Office of Councilmember for Places, 2, 4, and 6, and the City Secretary 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.

**Section 4:** It is declared to be the intent of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this 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:** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage, and it is so ordained.

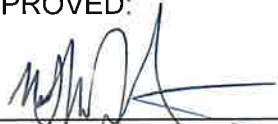
**PRESENTED ON FIRST READING THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.**

**PRESENTED ON SECOND READING AND APPROVED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2025.**

**BY A VOTE OF 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Decatur, Texas, on this the 10<sup>TH</sup> day of March 2025.

APPROVED:

  
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Mike McQuiston, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Asucena Delgado, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Pam Liston, City Attorney



Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 2025-03-09

CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES  
Certification of Unopposed Candidates by the City Secretary

I, Asucena Delgado, certify that I was the acting City Secretary of the City of Decatur and the authority responsible for preparing the ballot for the May 3, 2025, General City Election. I further certify that no proposition is to appear on the ballot at the election, no person has made a declaration of write-in candidacy, and all of the following candidates are unopposed:

Office of Councilmember Place 2  
Office of Councilmember Place 4  
Office of Councilmember Place 6

Jake Hayes  
Will Carpenter  
Melinda Reeves

  
Asucena Delgado, City Secretary  
City of Decatur, Texas

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025