



Staff Report

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: February 9, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Kaylee Koudela, Administration

ITEM TYPE: Resolutions

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Resolution R2026-09 Approving Amendments to the Joint Election Agreement and Election Services Contract with the Wharton County Elections Department (WCED) for the May 2, 2026 City Election; Providing for the Exclusion of April 21, San Jacinto Day, From the Early Voting Period, and for the Addition of an Election Day Polling Location in Louise at the Precinct 3 Courtroom, 340 N. Main St, Louise, Texas 77455

BACKGROUND: On January 12, 2026, City Council approved Resolution R2026-03, authorizing a Joint Election Agreement and Election Services Contract with the Wharton County Elections Department (WCED) for the conduct of the May 2, 2026, City Election.

Following approval, WCED requested minor amendments to the agreement to ensure compliance with the Texas Election Code and to enhance voter access and convenience.

The proposed amendments to the Joint Election Agreement and Election Services Contract include:

- Excluding April 21, 2026 (San Jacinto Day), from the early voting period, pursuant to the Texas Election Code, which designates San Jacinto Day as a mandatory holiday for election workers.
- Adding an Election Day voting location in Louise at the Precinct 3 Courtroom, located at 340 N. Main Street, Louise, Texas 77455. This additional polling location is necessitated by Louise ISD holding an election and also participating in the Joint Election Agreement and County-Wide polling.

These changes are administrative in nature and do not impact the date of the election, ballot language, or overall election structure.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Staff recommends approval of Resolution R2026-09, approving the amendments to the Joint Election Agreement and Election Services Contract with the Wharton County Elections Department.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution R2026-09 Approving Amendments to the Joint Election Agreement and Election Services Contract with the Wharton County Elections Department (WCED) for the May 2, 2026, City Election.pdf