



Staff Report

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: January 26, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Kaylee Koudela, Administration

ITEM TYPE: Ordinances

AGENDA SECTION: CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2026-04 Authorizing and Calling a Special Charter Amendment Election on May 2, 2026; Ordenanza 2026-04 Autorizar y convocar una elección especial de enmienda de los Estatutos el 2 de mayo de 2026

BACKGROUND:

The proposed ordinance calls for a Special Election to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, in accordance with the Texas Election Code, to be conducted as a joint election with the Wharton County Elections Department (WCED) pursuant to the Joint Election Agreement and the Election Service Contract approved by City Council on January 12, 2026. This Special Election will be held concurrently with the General City Election scheduled for the same date.

The purpose of the Special Election is to submit to the qualified voters of the City a proposed amendment to the City Charter, as authorized by law and approved by City Council for placement on the ballot. The proposed ballot language is as follows:

PROPOSITION A: Amend Section 14.14 - “Charter Review Commission,” of the Charter of the City of El Campo, Texas, to require that the Charter Review Commission be convened once every five (5) years instead of every odd-numbered year.

Under the terms of the joint election, WCED will administer the election, including early voting, election day voting, polling locations, and other election-related services, as required by state law.

Adoption of the ordinance is necessary to meet statutory deadlines for ordering the Special Election and to authorize the City’s participation in the joint election. Approval will allow staff to proceed with required coordination and election preparations with the Wharton County Elections Department for the May 2, 2026 Special Election.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

[Ordinance 2026-04 Calling Special Charter Amendment Election May 2, 2026.pdf](#)

[Ordinance 2026-04 SPANISH Calling Special Charter Amendment Election May 2, 2026.pdf](#)