

ORDINANCE NO. 072026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAMROCK, TEXAS CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE CITY ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, TO SUBMIT A PROPOSITION RELATED TO THE LOCAL MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAX, SPECIFICALLY WHETHER TO INCREASE THE MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAX TO BE USED FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT PURPOSES FROM ONE PERCENT TO ONE AND ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Shamrock, Texas (the "City"), has previously adopted a local municipal sales and use tax at the rate of one and three-quarters percent (1.75%) total, which includes one percent (1.0%) to be used for general government purposes, one-half of one percent (.5%) for Type A EDC purposes, and one-quarter of one percent for the maintenance and repair of municipal streets (.25%); and

WHEREAS, the combined rate of all sales and use taxes imposed by the City and other political subdivisions of the State of Texas having territory in the City may not exceed two percent (2.0%) within the City, and the combined rate of all sales and use taxes imposed by the City and other political subdivisions of the State of Texas having territory in the City is currently one and three-quarters of one percent (1.75%); and

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "Council") of the City hereby finds that it is appropriate, advisable and in the best interest of the citizens of the City that a special election be held for the purpose of submitting a proposition to increase the municipal sales tax rate to be used for general government purposes from one percent (1.0%) to one and one-quarter of one percent (1.25%), which would be an increase of one-quarter of one percent (.25%) in the total local municipal sales and use tax rate;

WHEREAS, if this Proposition passes the combined rate of all sales and use taxes imposed by the City and other political subdivisions of the State of Texas having territory in the City would be two percent (2.0%), which is the maximum percent allowed by law;

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that holding the hereinafter called special election on the date set forth below is in the public interest; and that the meeting at which this ordinance is adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Government Code;

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

Section 1. The recitals set forth in the preamble hereof are incorporated herein and shall have the same force and effect as if set forth in this Section. A special election shall be held in the City on November 3, 2026, at which the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION 1

The adoption of a local sales and use tax in the City of Shamrock at the rate of one and one-quarter of one percent (1.25%).

Section 2. The official ballots for the special election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the "Code") to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION 1

☐ FOR

☐ AGAINST

The adoption of a local sales and use tax in the City of Shamrock at the rate of one and one-quarter of one percent (1.25%).

Section 3. The special election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on November 3, 2026, at City Hall, 305 N Main, Shamrock, Texas 79079.

Section 4. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 305 N Main, Shamrock, Texas, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, October 19, 2026, and ending on Friday, October 30, 2026. Applications for ballot by mail shall be requested from and mailed to: City of Shamrock, ATTN: City Secretary, 305 N Main, Shamrock, Texas 79079. Applications for ballot by mail must be **received** no later than Friday, October 23, 2026. The last day to receive ballots by mail is Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. or Wednesday, November 4, 2026 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day, unless overseas or military deadlines apply.

Section 5. The City Secretary is authorized to alter the ballot format as may be necessary to accommodate electronic or other form of balloting. The City Secretary is further expressly authorized to obtain election supplies, pay election officials, contract for some or all election duties and services in accordance with the adopted budget, applicable law, and any joint election agreements.

Section 6. All resident, qualified electors of the City shall be entitled to vote at said special election. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in this ordinance, the election shall be

held and conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and as may otherwise be required by law.

Section 7. The form of the notice prescribed by the Texas Secretary of State's Office shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be given by publishing it and posting it in accordance with Section 4.003, of the Texas Election Code.

Section 8. The Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem, the City Secretary, or any one of them, are authorized on behalf of the City Council to evidence adoption of this Ordinance and to do any and all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of such election and to give effect to the intent of this Ordinance.

Section 9. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section or other part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall ever be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, neither the remainder of this Ordinance, nor the application of such word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section or other part of this Ordinance to any other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

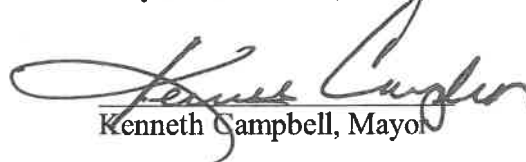
Section 10. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict only.

Section 11. The City Council officially finds, determines, and declares that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Section 12. This ordinance is effective upon passage according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND EFFECTIVE by the City Council of the City of Shamrock, Texas, on the 20th day of July, 2026.

City of Shamrock, Texas


Kenneth Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:


April Lilly, City Secretary