

****PUBLIC NOTICE****



FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION & EMS DISTRICT

Thursday, August 07, 2025 at 5:40 PM

City Hall | 3300 Corinth Parkway

View live stream: www.cityofcorinth.com/remotesession

Pursuant to section 551.127, Texas Government Code, one or more council members or employees may attend this meeting remotely using videoconferencing technology.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Please limit your comments to three minutes. Comments about any of the Fire Control, Prevention & EMS District agenda items are appreciated by the Board and may be taken into consideration at this time or during that agenda item. The Board is prohibited from acting on or discussing items brought before them at this time.

C. BUSINESS AGENDA

1. Consider and take appropriate action on Board Order No. 25-01 calling and ordering a referendum election to continue the City of Corinth Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District and the associated sales and use tax for a period of ten years; approving a Joint Election Order; and providing an effective date.

D. ADJOURN

Posted on this 4th day of August 2025, at 3:00 P.M., on the bulletin board at Corinth City Hall.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lana Wylie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lana Wylie
City Secretary
City of Corinth, Texas



CITY OF CORINTH

Staff Report

Meeting Date:	8/7/2025	Title:	Fire Control, Prevention, and EMS District Election Order
Strategic Goals:	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Engagement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proactive Government <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Cooperation <input type="checkbox"/> Attracting Quality Development		

Item/Caption

Consider and take appropriate action on Board Order No. 25-01 calling and ordering a referendum election to continue the City of Corinth Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District and the associated sales and use tax for a period of ten years; approving a Joint Election Order; and providing an effective date.

Item Summary/Background/Prior Action

Staff provided the following information during the Workshop Session held on July 17, 2025. The Council directed Staff to move forward, calling the election and for a timeframe of 10 years.

During a Special Election held in November 2020, voters in the City of Corinth approved the creation of the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District, along with the adoption of a one-fourth of one percent (0.25%) sales and use tax dedicated to the District. The tax was authorized for an initial term of five (5) years, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code § 344.102. Revenue generated by this tax is dedicated solely to funding programs and operations related to fire protection, fire prevention, and emergency medical services within the City of Corinth.

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 344.105, the governing body may reauthorize the sales and use tax for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years, provided the reauthorization occurs prior to the expiration of the existing term.

Furthermore, under § 344.251(g), any continuation referendum must specify the number of years — 5, 10, 15, or 20 — for which the district and the tax will continue

To ensure reauthorization before the current five-year term expires, a continuation proposition must be placed on the ballot for the November 2025 uniform election, indicating the chosen renewal period and seeking voter approval to continue the district and associated 0.25% sales and use tax accordingly.

The allocation of sales tax to the Fire District was effective on April 1, 2021, and will expire on March 31, 2026.

Financial Impact

The potential revenue loss is \$574,000 based on the fiscal year 2024-2025 Budget.

Applicable Policy/Ordinance

Staff Recommendation/Motion

Staff recommends approval of the Order calling a Joint Special Election for continuation of the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District Sales Tax.

**CITY OF CORINTH, TEXAS
JOINT ELECTION ORDER
BOARD ORDER NO. 25-01
CORINTH CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 25-08-07-35**

A JOINT ELECTION ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORINTH, TEXAS, (“CITY”), AND OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF CORINTH FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT, (“BOARD”), ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITH DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS, (“COUNTY”), ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS A BALLOT PROPOSITION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE CITY OF CORINTH FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT, (“DISTRICT”) FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, AND CONTINUATION OF A SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE DISTRICT AT A RATE OF ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS; PROVIDING FOR AN INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR THE DATE OF ELECTION AND PURPOSE OF ELECTION; PROVIDING AN ELECTION NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A JOINT ELECTION AND APPROVAL OF A JOINT CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH COUNTY (EXHIBIT “A”); PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING THE METHOD OF VOTING; PROVIDING GOVERNING LAW AND QUALIFIED VOTERS; REQUIRING POSTING OF NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING OF RETURNS AND NECESSARY ACTIONS; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Corinth, Texas, (the "City") is a home rule city acting under its Charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District Act as set forth in Chapter 344 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, (the “Act”), authorizes the creation of a fire control, prevention and emergency medical services district and an associated tax upon approval by a majority of the qualified voters of the district voting at an election; and

WHEREAS, by referendum election held on November 3, 2020, the City of Corinth Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District was created for a period of five (5) years with a sales and use tax adopted at a rate of one-fourth of one percent (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, the District will be dissolved on March 31, 2026, unless the Board Directors of the District (the “Board”) holds a referendum election on the question of whether the District should continue; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Board to call a referendum for the continuation of the District and a continuation of the sales and use tax for District for a period of five, ten, fifteen, or twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the Board took action at its meeting on August 7, 2025, to approve this Joint Election Order calling a continuation referendum election to be held on November 4, 2025 for the continuation of the District and continuation of the sales and use tax for the District for a period of ten (10) years; and,

WHEREAS, the Corinth City Council determined it beneficial to public health, safety and welfare to continue the District and its associated sales tax beyond March 31, 2026; therefore, the Council has determined it necessary to adopt this Ordinance approving the Joint Election Order to hold a continuation referendum election on November 4, 2025 as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City is entering into an Interlocal Agreement for Election Services with Denton County to assist in the election administration meeting the requirements of the Election Code, a copy of which agreement shall be incorporated into this Ordinance as Exhibit “A” upon approval and execution by Denton County and the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORINTH, TEXAS, AND THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF CORINTH FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT:

Section 1. Incorporation of Premises. The above premises are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Special Election Called; Location, Date, and Time of Election Day Voting. That a Special Election held as a continuation referendum for the City of Corinth Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District, as prescribed by Chapter 344 of the Texas Local Government Code and Chapter 321 of the Texas Tax Code, (the “District”), shall be held at the Corinth City Hall, 3300 Corinth Parkway, Corinth, Texas 76208, **on November 4, 2025** (“Election Day”) and Election Day voting shall be **between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m..**

Section 3. Purpose; Proposition. The purpose of this Special Election is to consider a ballot proposition for the continuation of the District for a ten (10) year period and the continuation of the District’s current sales and use tax, at the rate of one-fourth of one percent, dedicated to fire safety and emergency medical services programs, for a period of ten (10) years.

Section 4. Contents, Publication, and Posting of Election Notice. Pursuant to Section 4.003 of the Texas Election Code, the City Council of Corinth hereby orders the City Secretary to publish notice of this Special Election in a newspaper of general circulation in the City with such notice meeting all requirements of State law and Charter no earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before election day. In addition to complying with all the requirements of state law, including

without limitation, the Texas Election Code and the Texas Local Government Code, the notice shall be provided by posting a notice containing a substantial copy of this Ordinance in both English and Spanish at Corinth City Hall on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council no later than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before election day.

Section 5. Ballot Language. Voting on the date of the Election, and early voting therefor, shall be by the use of a lawfully approved voting system. The preparation of the voting equipment to be used in connection with such voting system and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit the electors to vote "For" or "Against" the Propositions. Such ballots shall have printed therein such provisions, markings, and language as may be required by law, and the following proposition shall be set forth on such ballots in substantially the following form and language:

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

“Whether the City of Corinth Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District should be continued for ten (10) years and whether the fire control, prevention, and emergency medical services district sales and use tax should be continued for ten (10) years.”

Section 6. Denton County to Conduct Election; Approval of Election Contract. The Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Election Code under the jurisdiction of the Denton County Elections Administrator (the “Election Administrator”), pursuant to an **Election Services Contract** between the City and County, and other participating entities, if any, as described therein, (the “Contract”), a copy of which Contract shall be incorporated herein as **Exhibit “A”** upon its final approval and execution by the City.

The Mayor, the City Manager or designee, is authorized to amend or supplement any and all contracts for the administration of the Election, including without limitation the Election Services Contract, to the extent required for the Election to be conducted in an efficient and legal manner as determined by the Election Administrator and in accordance with the Election Code. In the event that no election is necessary, the City Secretary shall notify the County and shall present the City Council a Resolution or Ordinance cancelling election.

Section 7. Main Early Voting Date, Location, and Hours. The Election Administrator, Frank Phillips, shall serve as the Early Voting Clerk. Deputy early voting judges/clerks will be appointed as needed to process early voting mail and to conduct early voting. Further, the Elections Administrator and/or the Early Voting Clerk are hereby authorized to appoint the members of the Early Voting Ballot Board and the presiding judge and alternate judge in accordance with the requirements of the Election Code.

The main early voting place is located at Denton County Elections Administration, 701 Kimberly Drive, Suite A111, Denton, Texas 76208 and voting shall occur as provided herein. Early Voting hours are:

Monday, October 20, 2025 through Saturday, October_25, 2025 from 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, October 26, 2025 from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Monday, October 27, 2025, through Friday, October 31, 2025 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Early Voting at Corinth City Hall, 3300 Corinth Parkway, Corinth, Texas 76208 shall occur on the same dates and times listed above. Early voting shall be conducted by the Early Voting Clerk, at the main early voting polling location listed above.

Early voting by mail shall be conducted in conformance with the requirements of the Election Code. Ballot applications, and ballots voted by mail, shall be sent to one of the following: Early Voting Clerk, Election Administration, Denton County, P.O. Box 1720, Denton, TX 76202, Fax 940-498-3201, or email to elections@dentoncounty.gov. The voting precincts for the Election shall be designated by their respective county precinct numbers.

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the times on the dates and at the locations designated herein and on **Exhibit “A”** hereto in accordance with this section. Early voting location and times may be changed, or additional early voting locations may be added by the Denton County Elections Administrator without further action of the City Council or amendment to this Ordinance, as is necessary for the proper conduct of the Election.

Section 8. Election Administrator; Early Voting Clerk. The Election Administrator, Frank Phillips, shall serve as the Early Voting Clerk. Deputy early voting judges/clerks will be appointed as needed to process early voting mail and to conduct early voting. Further, the Elections Administrator and/or the Early Voting Clerk are hereby authorized to appoint the members of the Early Voting Ballot Board and the presiding judge and alternate judge in accordance with the requirements of the Election Code.

Section 9. Method of Voting. The Election Administrator is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct the election. Voting at the Election shall be by use of electronic system ballots or such other method as determined appropriate by Election Administrator. Preparation of the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the requirements of the Texas Election Code, and in so doing shall permit the voter to vote for or against the Proposition.

Section 10. Governing Law; Qualified Voters. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Election Code, and all resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at the election.

Section 11. Publication and Posting of Notice of Election. Notice of the election shall be given as required by the Election Code, the Local Government Code, and the Charter of the City of Corinth.

Section 12. Necessary Actions. The Mayor and City Secretary in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Election Code, and the City Charter in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 13. Canvass of Election. Pursuant to Section 67.002 of the Election Code, the City Council will canvass the Special Election. Notice of the time and place for canvass shall be posted on the official bulletin board of the City in the same manner as required by the Open Meetings Act for City Council meetings in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Local Government Code.

Section 14. Cumulative Repealer Clause. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of Ordinances of the City of Corinth, Texas, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 15. Severability. If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this Ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 16. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORINTH, TEXAS, ON THE __ DAY OF _____, 2025, AND BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF CORINTH FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT ON THIS THE __ DAY OF _____, 2025.

CITY OF CORINTH

Bill Heidemann, Mayor

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF
CORINTH FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION,
AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
DISTRICT

Bill Heidemann, President

ATTEST:

Lana Wylie, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Patricia A. Adams, City Attorney

**Exhibit “A”
Election Services Contract**