

ORDINANCE NO. 384

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWRY CROSSING, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ADDITION OF AN ADDITIONAL WARD AND THE REDRAWING OF WARD BOUNDRIES FOR LOWRY CROSSING CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Lowry Crossing has experienced substantial growth since it last drew ward boundaries in 2022 so that one ward now has more than double the population of the ideally sized ward at the time of the 2022 districting; and

WHEREAS, most of that growth has come from a new subdivision that did not have population at the time of the 2020 census, which formed the basis for the 2022 redistricting; and

WHEREAS, section 22.040(a) of the Texas Local Government Code permits a Class A municipality such as Lowry Crossing to divide the municipality into as many wards as it considers necessary for the good of the residents; and

WHEREAS, because of the City's growth, it is appropriate to increase the number of wards from three to four and doing so will be of benefit to the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is being adopted more than three months prior to the next municipal election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWRY CROSSING:

1. The number of wards in the City of Lowry Crossing is changed from three wards to four wards.
2. That the existing city ward boundary lines for the City of Lowry Crossing are hereby amended, and the new districting plan depicted on the maps attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, defining new wards, and as such new wards are further described in the tables reporting estimated population, is hereby adopted and designated to define the City's four wards from and after the Effective Date; that **Exhibit A** is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Ordinance, and shall be kept on file in the City Secretary's Office.
3. At the regular municipal election to be held November 4, 2025, two aldermen shall be elected from each of the four wards, and a mayor shall be elected from the city at-large. The candidate from each ward who receives the highest number of votes from that ward shall be elected to a two-year term, and the candidate from that ward who receives the second-highest number of votes shall be elected to a one-year term of office. If the two candidates in a ward receiving the highest number of votes in that ward receive the same number of votes, then at the first council meeting following the November 4, 2025, election, those two candidates shall draw lots to determine which

one will serve a two-year term and which will serve a one-year term. Thereafter, each alderman shall be elected for a term of two years.

4. The mayor elected at the November 4, 2025, election shall serve a term of two years.
5. That this Ordinance shall take and be given effect immediately and that thereafter all Lowry Crossing City Council elections shall be held under and in accordance with the new ward districting plan here adopted by the City Council until such time as a subsequent lawfully enacted districting plan shall be adopted to replace this plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Lowry Crossing, Texas
this 6 day of 10, 2025.

CITY OF LOWRY CROSSING, TEXAS

BOB PETITT, MAYOR

Joe Trujillo, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Janis Cable
JANIS CABLE, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY