



ORDINANCE NO. 3994

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 3977, CANCELLING AND RESCINDING THE MAY 2, 2026, SPECIAL ELECTION TO CONSIDER THE CITY'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council has, by Ordinance No. 3977, heretofore ordered and called a special election for May 2, 2026, to submit to the voters of the City a proposition on the City's withdrawal from the Dallas Area Rapid Transit ("DART") system; and

WHEREAS, the special election has been called in accordance with Subchapter Q, Chapter 452, of the Texas Transportation Code to enable the voters of the City of Farmers Branch to determine whether the City should continue participation in the regional transportation authority and whether the City should withdraw from its participation in DART; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds and determines that DART is a regional transportation authority consisting of one subregion governed by a subregional board, and that, under that circumstance, Section 452.651(a) of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes the City Council to rescind the withdrawal election, which the Council does by this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds that the above-stated premises are true and correct.

SECTION 2. The special election ordered by the City Council for May 2, 2026, to consider the proposition of whether the Dallas Area Rapid Transit System should be continued in the City, be and is hereby cancelled and shall be removed from the ballot. The Notice of Election calling for the May 2, 2026, special election be and is hereby rescinded. Ordinance No. 3977, adopted by the City Council of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Notice of the cancellation of the special election shall be given to the executive committee of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit system, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the Texas Comptroller immediately upon the adoption of this Ordinance. Notice of cancellation shall also be posted during early voting by personal appearance and on election day, at each polling place that would have been used for the election on the measure.

SECTION 4. The cancellation of the May 2, 2026, special election ordered herein is applicable and limited to the special election on the DART withdrawal proposition and does not apply to any other general or special election ordered for May 2, 2026.

SECTION 5. Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance, other than the part declared to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of its caption, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

ATTEST:


Erin Flores, TRMC, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Terry Lynne, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


David M. Berman, City Attorney
(2.16.26)