

RESOLUTION NO. 032420-M

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS, ORDERING THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2, 2020 FOR THE ELECTION OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR COUNCIL DISTRICTS 2 AND 6 TO NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

WHEREAS, the City Council is composed of a Mayor and seven Council Members per Article II of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2020 the City Council approved a Resolution ordering the general election for the Mayor and Council Members for District 2 and District 6 on May 2, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas has declared a state of disaster for all counties related to the imminent threat of disaster posed by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has issued a proclamation suspending certain provisions of the Texas Election Code and the Texas Water Code to allow all local political subdivisions that are utilizing the May 2, 2020 uniform election date to postpone their election to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date;

WHEREAS, Williamson County Elections Administrator has advised the City that they will not be conducting a May 2, 2020 election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. VERIFICATION OF FACTS

The facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby found and declared to be true and correct and are incorporated by reference herein and expressly made a part hereof, as if copied verbatim.

SECTION 2. POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the Governor proclamation, the City is hereby exercising its authority to postpone the general election to be held to elect the Mayor and Council Members for City of Georgetown Single-Member Districts 2 and 6 to November 3, 2020.

SECTION 3. CANDIDATE FILINGS

All candidate filings for the May 2, 2020 election will remain valid for the election held on the November date and the filing period will not be re-opened for the November election date.

SECTION 4. APPLICATIONS FOR A BALLOT BY MAIL

All applications for a ballot by mail (ABBM) for voters that are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability will still be valid for the postponed election. However, ABBMs for voters who submitted ABBMs based on expected absence from the county would not be valid for the postponed election.

SECTION 5. RELEVANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION

The deadline for voter registration in order to vote in the November election is October 5, 2020. All applications for a ballot by mail must be submitted by October 23, 2020. Early voting by personal appearance shall take place between October 19, 2020 and October 30, 2020.

SECTION 6. AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE

The Mayor of the City of Georgetown is authorized to execute and the City Secretary is authorized to attest to the Order on behalf of the City Council; and the Mayor is further authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with postponing the general election.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of March, 2020 by the City Council of the City of Georgetown.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN:


Robyn Densmore, City Secretary


By: Dale Ross, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Charlie McNabb, City Attorney