

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0407-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS POSTPONING THE GENERAL ELECTION CALLED FOR MAY 2, 2020, FOR THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER WARD 2 UNTIL NOVEMBER 3, 2020; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE POSTPONED ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020 the Ennis City Commission ordered an election to be held on the May 2, 2020 General Election date for the purpose of electing a Mayor Pro Tem Ward 6, a Commissioner Ward 2, and a Commissioner Ward 4; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020 the City Commission declared unopposed candidates for Mayor Pro Tem Ward 6 and Commissioner Ward 4, and in compliance with Subchapter C, Chapter 2 of the Election Code, declared the candidates elected and cancelled the election for Mayor Pro Tem Ward 6 and Commissioner Ward 4; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas certified that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster and, under the authority vested in the Governor by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, declared a state of disaster in every county in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 Governor Abbott issued a proclamation authorizing political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020 to move their general elections for 2020 to November 3, 2020 due to public health and safety concerns related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to postpone the May 2, 2020 General Election being held for the purpose of electing a Commissioner Ward 2, to Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in order to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Ennis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. GENERAL ELECTION POSTPONED: The General Election in the City of Ennis, Texas, called for Saturday, May 2, 2020 for the purpose of electing the office of Commissioner Ward 2 is hereby postponed until Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

SECTION 2. FILING DEADLINES FOR MAY 2, 2020 ELECTION: Pursuant to Election Advisory No. 2020-12, issued by the Texas Secretary of State's office on or about March 13, 2020, this Resolution finds that by postponing the election date, all candidate filings and ballot order actions that have already taken place will be preserved. This postponement does not have the effect of reopening candidate filings.

SECTION 3. APPLICATIONS FOR BALLOTS BY MAIL FOR THE MAY 2, 2020 ELECTIONS:

- (a) All applications for a ballot by mail for voters submitted for the May 2, 2020 election who are over the age of 65 or have a disability will remain valid for the postponed election.
- (b) All applications for a ballot by mail for voters submitted for the May 2, 2020 election based on absence from the county will *not* remain valid for the November 3, 2020 election.
- (c) The deadline to submit an application for ballot by mail is October 23, 2020.

SECTION 4. DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE: Any individual seeking to vote in the November 3, 2020 election must register to vote by October 5, 2020.

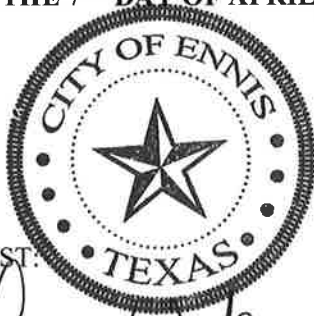
SECTION 5. EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE: Early Voting by personal appearance shall be conducted beginning on October 19, 2020, and continuing through October 30, 2020.

SECTION 6. ELECTION DAY: Voting shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

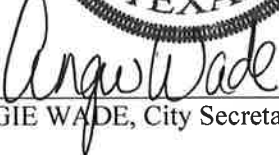
SECTION 7. PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF POSTPONED ELECTION: Notice of this postponement of the election until November 3, 2020 shall be posted on the City of Ennis website, the Ellis County Elections website, and provided to the Ennis News.

SECTION 8. This Resolution shall become effective, and be in full force and effect, from and after the date of passage.

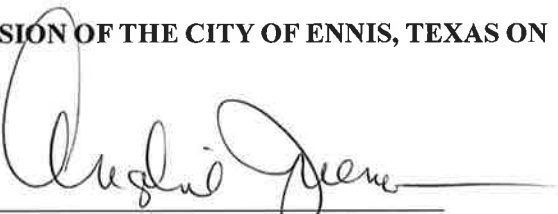
PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS ON THIS THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020.



ATTEST:



ANGIE WADE, City Secretary



ANGELINE JUENEMANN, Mayor
City of Ennis, Texas