

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, TEXAS, ORDERING THAT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2020 FOR THE ELECTION OF ONE COUNCILMEMBER FOR DISTRICT 4, AND ONE COUNCILMEMBER FOR DISTRICT 6 FOR A THREE YEAR TERM BE POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 3, 2020; MAKING FINDINGS RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on or about 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 or about March 18, 2020, the Governor issued a Proclamation suspending certain sections of the Texas Election Code, among others, to allow political subdivisions of the State that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to postpone general and special elections to the next uniform election date, November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 10, 2020, the City adopted Resolution No. 2020-02-17 which, in part, ordered a general election for Saturday, May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing, one councilmember for District 4 for a three (3) year term, and one councilmember for District 6 for a three (3) year term; and,

WHEREAS, it is pursuant to the authority of the Governor's March 13, 2020, disaster declaration and the March 18, 2020, proclamation that this is adopted; i.e., to postpone the City Council general election in the City from Saturday, May 2, 2020, to Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. All of the above findings are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The general election scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020, for District 2, District 4 and District 6 on the City of Lancaster Council is hereby postponed until Tuesday, November 3, 2020, pursuant to the authority referenced in the Preamble to this Resolution, and it is hereby so ordered.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Election Advisory No. 2020-12, issued by the Texas Secretary of State's Office on or about March 18, 2020, this Order also makes the following findings, and incorporates them by reference into this Resolution: (1) all candidate filings for the May 2, 2020, general election shall remain valid for the November 3, 2020, general election; (2) the filing period will not be re-opened for the November 3, 2020, general election; (3) all applications for a ballot by mail for voters who are voting by

mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability will remain valid for the postponed election whereas all applications for a ballot by mail based upon a voter's expected absence from the county will not be valid for the postponed election; and (4) the major relevant dates for the November 3, 2020, general election are as follows: last day to register to vote in the November 3, 2020, election—October 5, 2020; the deadline to submit an application for a ballot by mail—October 23, 2020; and early voting—October 19, 2020, through October 30, 2020.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately from and after its passage, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

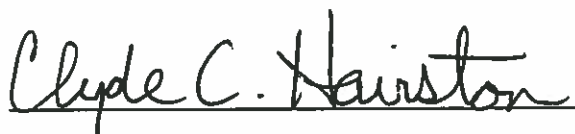
DULY PASSED and approved by the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas on this the 23rd day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



David T. Ritter, City Attorney