

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE POSTPONING THE GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 2, 2020 FOR THE ELECTION OF THE THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS POSITION NUMBERS FOUR, FIVE AND SIX AND ALSO POSTPONING THE SPECIAL ELECTION ON MAY 2, 2020 ON PROPOSITION OF THE ADOPTION OF A TYPE B ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT UNTIL NOVEMBER 3, 2020.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK:**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Deer Park, Texas, by Ordinances 4141 and 4142, called for a General Election for three Council Member positions, numbers four, five and six and also a Special Election for the adoption of a Type B Additional Sales Tax within the City at the rate of one-half of one percent to be held on May 2, 2020.

**WHEREAS**, due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, the Governor has issued emergency executive orders relating to the Pandemic.

**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.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Texas Election Code 31.003 and 31.004 the Texas Secretary of State office has issued guidelines for municipalities that choose to postpone the election until the November uniform election date.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS:**

- 1.** That the May 2, 2020 General and Special elections described above are postponed until November 3, 2020.
- 2.** That on March 18, 2020 Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation suspending provisions of the Texas Election Code to allow political subdivisions to postpone their 2020 local elections from May 2, 2020 until November 3, 2020.

3. Candidates that have filed for the May 2, 2020 election will remain valid for the election held on November 3, 2020 and that the filing period for new candidates will not re-open for the November 3, 2020 election.

4. That all applications for a ballot by mail, for reasons of age or disability that were filed for the May 2, 2020 will be valid for the November 3 2020 election. All applications for a ballot by mail submitted for the May 2, 2020 election for reason due to absence from the county will not be valid for the November 3, 2020 election.

5. The voter registration for the November 3, 2020 elections deadline is October 5, 2020. That the deadline to submit an application for a ballot by mail for the November 3, 2020 elections is October 23, 2020. And the early voting period for the November 3, 2020 elections are October 19, 2020 until October 30, 2020.

6. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the City Charter, this Ordinance was introduced before the City Council of the City of Deer Park, Texas, **passed, approved and adopted** on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 **by a vote of** \_\_\_\_\_ **“Ayes” and** \_\_\_\_\_ **“Noes”**.

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**MAYOR**, City of Deer Park, Texas

**ATTEST:**

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City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

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City Attorney