

RESOLUTION 1764

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURST, TEXAS, ORDERING THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE MAY 2, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION TO THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE OR AN EARLIER DATE AS AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas certified that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster and, under the authority vested in the Governor, declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas issued a proclamation filed in the office of the Secretary of State, March 18, 2020, suspending Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council holds joint elections pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Election Code, and as established in a joint election agreement and contract for election services with the Tarrant County Elections Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hurst City Council declares it in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the public to adopt this Resolution and move the 2020 General Election date; and

WHEREAS, all prerequisites for the adoption of this Resolution have been met, including but not limited to the Open Meetings Act.

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

Section 1: **THAT** In accordance with the Governor's proclamation authorizing the postponement of the May 2, 2020, General Election the City Council orders the May 2, 2020, election be postponed to the November 3, 2020, uniform election day or to an earlier date if authorized by the Governor of the State of Texas and the Texas Secretary of State.

Section 2: **THAT** the candidate filings for the May 2, 2020, General Election will remain valid for the postponed election and the filing period will

not be re-opened for the postponed election.

Section 3: **THAT** all Applications for Ballot By Mail for voters voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability will be valid for the postponed May 2, 2020, General Election.

Section 4: **THAT** Applications for Ballot By Mail for voters who submitted Applications for Ballot By Mail based on expected absence from the county will not be valid for the postponed May 2, 2020, General Election.

Section 5: **THAT** major relevant dates for the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election include: the voter registration deadline (October 5, 2020), the deadline to submit an Application for Ballot By Mail (October 23, 2020), and the dates for early voting (October 19, 2020 through October 30, 2020).

Section 5: **THAT** major relevant dates for the general election if held on a date earlier than November 3, 2020 uniform election date, will be as provided by applicable law or other forms of authorization from the Governor of the State of Texas and the Texas Secretary of State.

Section 6: **THAT** necessary revisions to the City Council's original order of election will be made by August 17, 2020.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED.

Passed by a vote of 5 to 0 this the 24th day of March 2020.

ATTEST:

CITY OF HURST

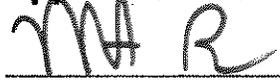


Rita Frick, City Secretary



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Approved as to form and legality:



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