

ORDINANCE NO. 676-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JUSTIN, TEXAS (“CITY”), POSTPONING THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO TWO (2) YEAR TERMS; TO THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DENTON COUNTY FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION; FIXING THE TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER OF HOLDING SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the general laws and Constitution of the State of Texas pursuant to the City of Justin Ordinance Number 675-20, a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing three (3) City Council Members for two (2) year terms was ordered to be held on May 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, on March 18, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas signed 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 elections to the November 3, 2020, uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governor’s proclamation authorizing the City of Justin to postpone the May 2, 2020 election date, the City Council does by this Ordinance exercise its authority to postpone the General Election ordered for May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing three (3) City Council Members to November 3, 2020.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Justin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JUSTIN, TEXAS;

SECTION 1: That the General election previously ordered for May 2, 2020, for the City of Justin, Texas, for the purpose of electing three (3) City Council Members is hereby postponed to November 3, 2020.

SECTION 2: That the candidate filings for the General election for May 2, 2020, for the City of Justin, Texas, for the purpose of electing three (3) City Council Members shall remain valid for the election to be held on November 3, 2020, and that the filing period for candidates will not be re-opened for the election to be held on November 3, 2020.

SECTION 3: That all annual applications for 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 November 3, 2020, election; and that ABBMs for voters who submitted ABBMs based on expected absence from the county shall not be valid for the postponed November 3, 2020 election.

SECTION 4: That the voter registration deadline for the November 3, 2020, election is October 5, 2020, the deadline to submit an ABBM is October 23, 2020, and the dates for early voting are October 19, 2020, through October 30, 2020.

SECTION 5: That the City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute an election contract with Denton County for the purposes of conducting the postponed election on November 3, 2020.

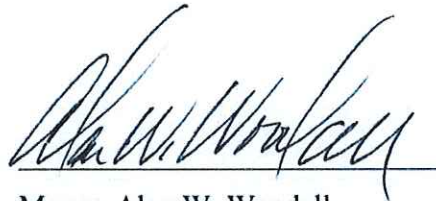
SECTION 6: That the City Manager and City Secretary are authorized to modify the election order as necessary to in order to change the date of the election; change location of the main early voting location; change early voting dates and hours, including weekend early voting; change the identity of the early voting clerk and their contact information, if necessary; or changes to branch early voting locations, and bring forth said changes to the City Council prior to August 17, 2020 for consideration and adoption.

SECTION 7: That should any word, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8: That, this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law in such cases provide.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Justin, Texas, on this the 30th day of March, 2020.

APPROVED:



Mayor, Alan W. Woodall

ATTEST:



City Secretary, Brittany Andrews

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney, Matthew C. G. Boyle