

CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 3179

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, ORDERING THAT THE GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020, BE POSTPONED TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020; MAKING FINDINGS RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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, 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 February 3, 2020, the City of Waxahachie, Texas ("**City**"), adopted Ordinance No. 3176 which, in part, ordered a general election for Saturday, May 2, 2020, to elect At-Large Council Members for Places 1, 2, and 3 for a term of two (2) years; 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 Ordinance 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 ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2. The general election scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020, for At-Large Council Members for Places 1, 2, and 3 on the Waxahachie City Council is hereby postponed until Tuesday, November 3, 2020, pursuant to the authority referenced in the Preamble to this Ordinance, 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 Ordinance also makes the following findings, and incorporates them by reference into this Ordinance: (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:

- The last day to register to vote in the November 3, 2020, election is October 5, 2020;
- The deadline to submit an application for a ballot by mail is October 23, 2020; and
- The early voting period is October 19, 2020, through October 30, 2020.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective, and be in full force and effect, from and after the date of its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 25th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.



ATTEST:



David Hill, Mayor



Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary