

**RESOLUTION NO. R2020-0830**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, POSTPONING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO (2) CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE TO THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF JOINT ELECTION CONTRACTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the general laws and Constitution of the State of Texas pursuant to City of Hutchins Resolution No. R2020-0819, a General Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) City Council Members at large 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 Hutchins to postpone the May 2, 2020 election date, the City Council does by this Resolution exercise its authority to postpone the General Election ordered for May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) City Council Members at large to November 3, 2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** Pursuant to the proclamation from Governor Gregory Abbott, which authorizes the City Council to make the determination to postpone the Uniform Election Date of May 2, 2020 to the Uniform Election Date of November 3, 2020, the City Council hereby approves and votes to exercise said authority and **postponing the May 2, 2020 election to November 3, 2020.**

**SECTION 2.** All candidate filings and applications received by the deadline for the May 2, 2020 Uniform Election Date SHALL remain valid for the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election Date and candidate applications and filings shall NOT be re-opened for the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election Date.

**SECTION 3.** All applications for a ballot by mail ("ABBM") for voters that are voting by mail due to being over age sixty-five (65) or due to a disability will **STILL BE VALID** for the November 3, 2020 election, and the ABBMs for voters who submitted ABBMs based upon an expected absence from the county will **NOT BE VALID** for the November 3, 2020 election.

**SECTION 4.** The following dates will be followed for the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election Date:

- Voter registration deadline – Monday, October 5, 2020
- Deadline to submit an application for ballot by mail – October 23, 2020
- Early voting dates – Monday, October 19, 2020 through Friday, October 30, 2020
- Last day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance – Friday, October 30, 2020
- Last day to receive ballot by mail – Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM if carrier envelope is **NOT** postmarked, **OR** Wednesday, November 4, 2020 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 PM if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 PM at the location of the election on Election Day (subject to overseas or military voter deadlines)
- Election Day – November 3, 2020

**SECTION 5.** No later than August 17, 2020, the City Council will make any necessary revisions of this order of election. Such revisions include, but are not limited to, change the date of the election; change the location of the main early voting location; changes to the early voting dates and hours; including weekend early voting; any changes to the identity of the early voting clerk and their contact information or any changes to branch early voting locations.

**SECTION 5.** That the City Administrator is authorized to negotiate and execute an election contract with Dallas County Elections for the purposes of conducting the postponed election on November 3, 2020.

**SECTION 6.** The City Secretary shall cause the caption of this ordinance to be posted on the City’s website and shall be published in the City’s official newspaper.

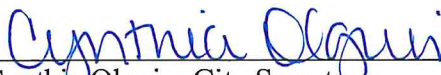
**SECTION 7.** That should any word, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this resolution be adjudged or held to be void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said resolution, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8.** This resolution shall take effect immediately from and after the date of its passage.

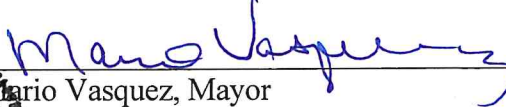
**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2020.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

  
Cynthia Olguin, City Secretary



  
Mario Vasquez, Mayor