CITY OF LIBERTY HILL
(COVID-19)

ORDINANCE # 20-O-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS, AMENDING ITS ORDER OF ELECTION BY POSTPONING, ORDERING AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS, TO BE HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020, PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF MAYOR, ALDERMAN PLACE 2, ALDERMAN PLACE 4 AND SPECIAL ELECTION FOR PROPOSITION ONE TO EXTEND COUNCIL MEMBERS TERMS FROM TWO YEARS TO THREE YEARS, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR PREAMBLE INCORPORATION; CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; SEVERABILITY; PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Liberty Hill, Texas (the "City Council") ordered an Election for the office of Mayor, Alderman Place 2, Alderman Place 4 and Special Election for Proposition One to extend Council Member terms from two years to three years 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 utilizing the May 2, 2020 Uniform Election Date to postpone their elections until the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election Date; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governor's Proclamation authorizing the City of Liberty Hill to postpone the May 2, 2020 General Election date, the City Council does by this Ordinance exercise its authority to postpone the General Election originally ordered for May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Alderman Place 2, Alderman Place 4 and conducting a Special Election for Proposition One to extend Council Member terms from two years to three years to November 3, 2020, and without otherwise adjusting the term of office for said Mayor and Alderman;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the General Election previously ordered for May 2, 2020 for the City of Liberty Hill, Texas, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Alderman Place 2, Alderman Place 4 and conducting a Special Election for Proposition One to extend Council Member terms from two years to three years is hereby postponed until November 3, 2020.

SECTION 2: That Candidate filings for the General Election originally scheduled for May 2, 2020, for the City of Liberty Hill, Texas, shall remain valid for the Election to be conducted November 3, 2020, and that the filing period for Candidates will not be re-opened for the Election to conducted November 3, 2020.

SECTION 3: That all annual applications ballot by mail (ABBMs) for voters who 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 annual applications ballot by mail for voters who submitted annual applications ballot by mail based on expected absence from the county shall not be valid for the postponed November 3, 2020 Election.

SECTION 4: Providing for voter registration deadline for the November 3, 2020 election to be October 5, 2020; providing for deadline to submit annual applications ballot by mail to be October 23, 2020 and providing for dates of early voting to be October 19, 2020, through October 30, 2020.

SECTION 5: That the Mayor of the City of Liberty Hill, Texas is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an updated Election Agreement with Williamson County Elections Administrator for the purposes of conducting the postponed Election on November 3, 2020.

SECTION 6: 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 7: That the order of candidates on the Ballot shall remain the same for November 3, 2020 as originally ordered on the May 2, 2020 ballot.

SECTION 8: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after the date of its passage.
DULY PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 2020 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS ON VOTE OF 5 AYES; 0 NAYS; AND 0 ABSTENTIONS.

RICK D. HALL
Mayor

BARBARA ZWERNEMANN
City Secretary

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