

**ORDER OF THE CITY OF KEMAH, TEXAS
POSTPONING THE MAY 2, 2020 ELECTION
TO THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION DATE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has issued 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 election to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date;

WHEREAS, the candidate filings for the May 2, 2020 election being postponed will remain valid for the election held on November 3, 2020 and that the filing period will not be re-opened for the November 3, 2020 election date;

WHEREAS, all applications for a ballot by mail (hereinafter referred to as “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 postponed election, and that ABBMs for voters who submitted ABBMs based on expected absence from the county would not be valid for the postponed election;

WHEREAS, the major relevant dates for the November 3, 2020 election are the following:

- the voter registration deadline (October 5, 2020);
- the deadline to submit an ABBM (October 23, 2020); and
- the dates for early voting (October 19, 2020 – October 30, 2020).

WHEREAS, the City will meet by August 17, 2020 to make any necessary revisions to the original order of election. Those revisions may include:

- The change to the date of the election;
- Any change in location of the main early voting location;
- Any changes to 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.

If the City is holding a bond election, additional revisions may need to be made to the order of election for that bond election.

WHEREAS, all election records should be stored and secured during the postponement period in the following manner:

- Storing returned ballots by mail in locked, sealed ballot boxes;
- Securely storing any unused ballots; and
- Securely retaining any relevant election records, including candidate applications and ABBMs.

WHEREAS, if voting system equipment is being leased, City will modify the procedures and timelines for receiving that equipment;

WHEREAS, notice shall be posted on the City of Kemah's website alerting local media organizations of the change in the election date; and

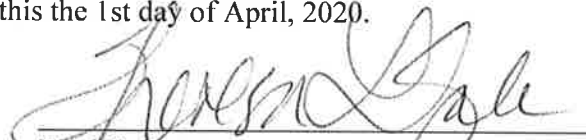
WHEREAS, a revised election date notice shall be provided to the Galveston County Election Officer of the change in the election date as Galveston County is required to post the City's notice of election on the county's website no later than the 60th day before the date of the election under Election Code 4.008.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KEMAH, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

SECTION 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. That the May 2, 2020 election is hereby postponed until the November 3, 2020 uniform election date.


SO DECLARED AND ORDERED at 7:00 P.M. this the 1st day of April, 2020.


Terri Gale, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Chilcote, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Dick H. Gregg, Jr., City Attorney