

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

At its regular meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2020, the City of Brookshire Board of Aldermen unanimously adopted an Ordinance postponing the City's General Election, scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020 until Thursday, November 3, 2020. *(The Ordinance postponing the General election is attached to this Notice.)*

For any questions concerning the postponement of the City's General Election, feel free to contact the City at: (281) 375-5050] or CHarrison@BrookshireCity.org. You may also contact the Waller County Elections Coordinator at: (979) 826-7643 or vote@wallercounty.us.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-671-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROOKSHIRE, TEXAS EXTENDING THE GENERAL ELECTION PREVIOUSLY CALLED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020 TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, AS ALLOWED BY PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR ISSUED ON MARCH 18, 2020; THE CALLED ELECTION BEING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ALDERMEN FOR POSITIONS 3, 4, & 5; PROVIDING DETAILS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

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WHEREAS, the City of Brookshire, Texas (the "City") has called a General Municipal Election to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020 for the purposes of electing Aldermen to Positions 3, 4, & 5; and

WHEREAS, due to the outbreak of the COVID-19, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a declaration of disaster on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued a proclamation on March 18, 2020 allowing municipalities in the State to postpone their general elections scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020 to Tuesday, November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City declared a disaster in the City on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the City Council of the City (the "Council") extended the Mayor's declaration until such time as a the COVID-19 outbreak is not a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Council and the Mayor find it to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens to postpone the General Municipal Election from Saturday, May 2, 2020 to Tuesday, November 3, 2020; and, **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSHIRE, TEXAS:

Section 1. The facts and matters set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. The General Municipal Election, previously set by Ordinance to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020, to elect Aldermen for Positions 3, 4, & 5 to the City of Brookshire City Council, is hereby postponed to Tuesday, November 3, 2020, pursuant to the authority contained in the proclamation of the Governor of the State of Texas, dated March 18, 2020, with a copy of such proclamation attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

Section 3. The candidate filings for the May 2, 2020 General Municipal Election will remain the same for the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election, and the candidate filing period will not be reopened for the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election.

Section 4. All applications for ballot-by-mail filed for the May 2, 2020 General Municipal Election by voters over the age of sixty-five (65) or because of disability, will remain valid for the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election. All applications for ballot-by-mail for expected absence from the County will not be valid for the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election.

Section 5. The deadline to register to vote in the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election is October 5, 2020. All applications for ballot-by-mail for the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election must be submitted no later than October 23, 2020. Early voting for the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election will be conducted October 19, 2020 through October 30, 2020.

Section 6. In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance, or the application of the same, to any person or circumstances, shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision hereof, other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and, the City Council of the City of Brookshire, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same, notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 2ND DAY OF APRIL, 2020.


DARRELL BRANCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

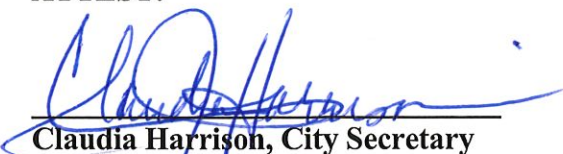

Claudia Harrison, City Secretary

EXHIBIT A – Governor’s Proclamation Related to Municipal Elections



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 18, 2020

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
10:00 AM 'CLOCK

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughes
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

MAR 18 2020

Secretary of State

Dear Secretary Hughes:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation suspending Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office, and suspending Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed their election to November 3, 2020, under the authority of this proclamation.

The original of this proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor
GSD/gsd

Attachment

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a)(2) of the Texas Election Code provides that a general or special election in this state shall be held on a uniform election date, and the next uniform election date is occurring on May 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code provides that certain districts governed by this provision are required to hold director elections in May of each even-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, Section 41.0052 of the Texas Election Code prescribes a procedure for a political subdivision to change a general election date, but the time for making such a change has expired; and

WHEREAS, Section 31.093 of the Texas Election Code requires a county elections administrator to enter into a contract to furnish election services upon request of a political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Section 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code does not require a political subdivision to enter into a contract with a county or hold a joint election with a county on the November uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor 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 for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has the express authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules of a state agency if strict compliance with the provisions, orders, or rules would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, do hereby suspend Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office. I further suspend Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed their election to November 3, 2020, under the authority of this proclamation.

The authority ordering the election under Section 3.004 of the Texas Election Code is the authority authorized to make the decision to postpone its election in accordance with this proclamation.

Current office holders will hold over to the extent authorized by Article XVI, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
10:00 AM O'CLOCK

MAR 18 2020



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I
have hereto signed my name and
have officially caused the Seal of
State to be affixed at my office in the
City of Austin, Texas, this the 18th
day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth R. Hughs".

RUTH R. HUGHS
Secretary of State

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