



The City of Liberty

City Council
1829 Sam Houston
Liberty, TX 77575

Meeting: 03/23/20 12:00 PM

Department: Administration
Category: Election

ORDINANCE 2020-13

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, POSTPONING THE CITY'S SPECIAL ELECTION TO NOVEMBER 3, 2020, PREVIOUSLY ORDERED FOR THE 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTER CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSITIONS AMENDING THE HOME RULE CHARTER; AUTHORIZING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE LIBERTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AN ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LIBERTY AND THE LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR TWO TWELVE-HOUR DAYS OF EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF ELECTION; ESTABLISHING OTHER PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS

WHEREAS, in accordance with the general laws and Constitution of the State of Texas and the Charter of the City of Liberty, Texas, and pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-7, a Special Election was ordered to held on May 2, 2020, for the purpose of voter consideration of propositions amending the Home Rule Charter: 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 Liberty to postpone the May 2, 2020 election date, the City Council does by this Ordinance exercise its authority to postpone the Special Election ordered for May 2, 2020, for the purpose of voter consideration of propositions amending the Home Rule Charter, to November 3, 2020;

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

SECTION 1: That the Special Election previously ordered for May 2, 2020, for the City of Liberty, Texas, for the purpose of voter consideration of propositions amending the Home Rule Charter is hereby postponed to November 3, 2020;

SECTION 2: That the proposed propositions amending the City's Home Rule Charter for the Special Election ordered for May 2, 2020, for the City of Liberty, Texas, shall remain valid for the election to be held on November 3, 2020.

SECTION 3: That all annual applications ballot by mail (ABBM)s 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 November 3, 2020, election; and that ABBMs for voters who submitted ABBMs based on expected absence from the county shall not be valid for the election to be held November 3, 2020 election.

SECTION 4: That the voter registration deadline for the November 3, 2020, election is October 5, 2020, the deadline to submit an ABBM is October 23, 2020, and the dates for early voting are October 19, 2020, through October 30, 2020.

SECTION 5. That the City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute an election contract with Liberty County 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.

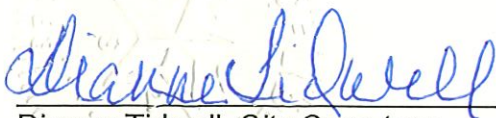
SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as the law and charter in such cases provide.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 23rd DAY OF MARCH, 2020.



Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Neal Thornton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Council Member
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith, Thornton