

ORDINANCE NO. 0-20-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADEWATER, TEXAS, POSTPONING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING PERSONS TO THE OFFICES OF MAYOR PLACE 1, COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 2 AND COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 3 TO THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE; DESIGNATING POLING PLACES; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF JOINT ELECTION CONTRACT 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 and the Charter of the City of Gladewater, Texas, and pursuant to Ordinance No. O-20-01, a Municipal Officers' election was ordered to be held on May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing the Mayor Place 1, Council Member Place 2 and Council Member Place 3; 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 election to the November 3, 2020, uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governor's proclamation authorizing the City of Gladewater to postpone the May 2, 2020 election date, the City Council does by this Ordinance exercise its authority to postpone the General Election ordered for May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing the Mayor Place 1, Council Member Place 2 and Council Member Place 3 to November 3, 2020;

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

SECTION 1: That the Municipal Officers' election previously ordered for May 2, 2020, for the City of Gladewater, Texas, for the purpose of electing members of the City Council to the offices of Mayor Place 1, Council Member Place 2 and Council Member Place 3 is hereby postponed to November 3, 2020.

SECTION 2: That the candidate filings for the Municipal election for May 2, 2020, for the City of Gladewater, Texas, for the purpose of electing members of the City Council for Mayor Place 1, Council Member Place 2 and Council Member Place 3 shall remain valid for the election to be held on November 3, 2020, and that the filing period for candidates will not be re-opened for the election to be held on November 3, 2020.

SECTION 3: That all annual applications ballot by mail (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 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 postponed 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 Gregg County and Upshur 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 GLADEWATER, GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 19TH DAY OF MARCH 2020.



JD Shipp, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy Van Houten, City Clerk