



RESOLUTION 03-23-2020 (A)

WHEREAS on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization classified the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS on March 13, 2020, President of the United States Donald J. Trump declared the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 512-1-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS Governor J. Kevin Stitt issued Executive Order 2020-07 on March 15, 2020, as amended on March 17, 2020, declaring an emergency for all 77 Oklahoma counties caused "by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and the public's peace, health and safety; and

WHEREAS Governor J. Kevin Stitt issued Executive Order 2020-08 on March 17, 2020 urging Oklahomans to follow *The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America*, which includes the recommendation to avoid gatherings in groups of more than ten (10) people; and

WHEREAS declarations of local states of emergency have been issued by numerous counties and municipalities across the State of Oklahoma, including the City of The Village; and

WHEREAS Paragraph 1 of Subsection A of Section 22-101 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes authorizes the Secretary of the State Election Board to "declare an election emergency for any area of the state "when a national or local emergency" has occurred or is imminent, and such circumstances could make substantial compliance with state and federal election laws impossible or unreasonable, or could disrupt voter registration, voting, the tabulation of votes or the certification of election results; and

WHEREAS the Secretary of the State Election Board, with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and other health experts, that large public gatherings should be limited in an effort to decrease the risk of the community spread of COVID-19; and



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WHEREAS the Secretary-of the State Election Board finds that national and local emergencies currently exist that could make substantial compliance with state and federal election laws impossible or unreasonable, or that the existing emergencies could disrupt voter registration, voting, the tabulation of votes or the certification of election results; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Oklahoma State Election Board, pursuant to the power vested in him by Paragraph 1 of Subsection A of Section 22-101 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes, hereby declared and ordered that:

1. An election emergency exists for the elections scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2020 in the State of Oklahoma including, but not limited to, Oklahoma County; and
2. The governing body of any entity that called a regular or statutory election on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, is hereby authorized to reschedule the election to Tuesday, June 30, 2020 by providing a resolution to the Oklahoma County Election Board Secretary no later than Monday, March 30, 2020, that (a) rescinds the portion of the original resolution that called the Tuesday, April 7, 2020, election and that (b) reschedules the election to June 30, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE, OKLAHOMA that:

1. Section 1 of Proclamation 01-06-2020 (B) calling for an election for the position of Councilman for Ward 5 on April 7, 2020 is hereby rescinded.
2. The election for the position of Councilman for Ward 5 is hereby rescheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE, OKLAHOMA, this 23rd day of March 2020.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


CATHY CUMMINGS, MAYOR