

RESOLUTION NO. 03-31-20- 1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS POSTPONING THE BOND ELECTION CALLED FOR MAY 2, 2020, UNTIL NOVEMBER 3, 2020; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE POSTPONED ELECTION; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2020 by Resolution No. 02-11-20-1, the Amarillo City Council called a bond election to be held on May 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbot declared a state of emergency related to the novel coronavirus outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation authorizing political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020 to move their general or special elections to November 3, 2020 due to public health and safety concerns and business disruption related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Secretary of State has issued, pursuant to the Proclamation of March 18, 2020, Election Advisory No. 2020-12, to provide guidance to local political subdivisions regarding issues raised by the Proclamation, and

WHEREAS, federal, state, and local officials have determined that the spread of COVID-19 can be slowed by avoiding bringing people together, and the City Council hereby finds that the holding of the bond election might cause physical danger of infection to voters, election officials, and election volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. BOND ELECTION POSTPONED: The bond election in the City of Amarillo, Texas, called for Saturday, May 2, 2020 to determine whether the Council shall be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the City in the amount of \$275,000.00.00 for permanent public improvements and public purposes, to wit; acquiring, constructing, improving, expanding, and equipping the City's convention center facilities; (as further described in Resolution No.02-11-20-1) is hereby postponed until the general election date of November 3, 2020.

SECTION 2. FILING DEADLINES: By postponing the election date, the City is preserving all filings and ballot order actions that have already taken place. That all matters including dates and timelines relevant to the November 3, 2020 elections, such as voter registration deadlines, applications for ballots by mail and dates for early voting shall be as provided by Texas law and Election Advisory 2020-12. The City Manager and City Secretary and other officials are authorized to make this so in accordance with this Resolution and the State authorities recited

above, without further City Council action.

SECTION 3. APPLICATIONS BALLOTS BY MAIL FOR THE MAY 2, 2020 ELECTIONS:

All single use applications for ballots by mail that were submitted for the May 2, 2020 election for reasons of age or disability remain valid for the November 3, 2020 election. Single use applications for ballots by mail submitted for the May 2, 2020 election that indicated the reason for voting by mail was due to absence from the county will not remain valid for the November 3, 2020 election.

SECTION 4. The City Council will, by subsequent action, amend Resolution No. 02-11-20-1 to comply with state law regarding early voting location, dates and hours, and any other changes caused by postponing this election to November 3, 2020.

SECTION 5. To the extent that this resolution or any part of it conflicts with a prior resolution, then such prior resolution is repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. If any part of this resolution is determined to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other part(s) of this resolution.

SECTION 7. This resolution is effective on and from the date of adoption.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Amarillo, Texas, on this 31st day of March 2020.



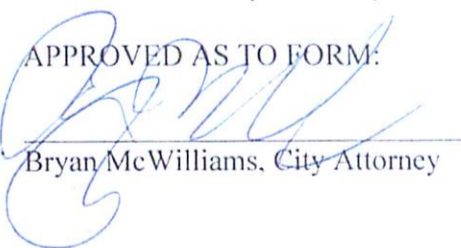
Ginger Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Bryan McWilliams, City Attorney