

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE
MAY 2, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION UNTIL
NOVEMBER 3, 2020, THE NEXT UNIFORM ELECTION DATE

WHEREAS, a General Municipal election was called for May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) Alderpersons to serve on the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Greg Abbott, Governor of the State of Texas, certified that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) posed 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, the circumstances presented by COVID-19 that justified declaring a state of disaster also constitute an emergency within the meaning of Section 41.0011 of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has issued the attached Proclamation giving the political subdivisions authority to postpone their election date to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date. **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

Section 1. The City of Pinehurst is exercising its authority to postpone its election date to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date.

Section 2. The candidate filings for the election will remain valid for the election held on November 3, 2020 and the filing period will not be re-opened for the November election.

Section 3. All applications for a 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 postponed election. Applications for a ballot by mail for voters who submitted ABBMs based on expected absence from the county will **not** be valid for the November 3, 2020 election.


Section 4. The following revised dates shall apply:

- (a) Voter Registration deadline: October 5, 2020
- (b) Deadline to submit an application for a ballot by mail (ABBM): October 23, 2020
- (c) Early voting: October 19, 2020 through October 30, 2020

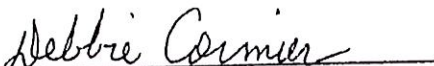
Section 5. It is declared to be the intent of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance is declared invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance since the City Council would have enacted them without the invalid portion.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, and it is so ordained.


PASSED and **APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Pinehurst, TX
this the 30th day of March, 2020.


Dan Mohon, Mayor

ATTEST:


Debbie Cormier, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Tommy Gunn, City Attorney