

ORDINANCE NO. 237

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, POSTPONING THE GENERAL RANCHO VIEJO ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE MEMBERS OF THE RANCHO VIEJO BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE; 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 Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, and pursuant to Ordinance No. 237, a Municipal Officers' election was ordered to be held on May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing three members the Board of Aldermen; 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 Town of Rancho Viejo to postpone the May 2, 2020 election date, the Board of Aldermen does by this Ordinance exercise its authority to postpone the General Election ordered for May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing three members of the Board of Aldermen to November 3, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the Municipal Officers' election previously ordered for May 2, 2020, for the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, for the purpose of electing three members of the Board of Aldermen is hereby postponed to November 3, 2020.

SECTION 2: That the candidate filings for the Municipal election for May 2, 2020, for the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Aldermen 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 (ABBMs) 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 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 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 6. 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 BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THE 20th DAY OF MARCH 2020.



Cyndie Rathbun, Mayor



ATTEST:



Fred Blanco, Town Administrator