

**ORDINANCE NO. 359**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SEVEN POINTS, TEXAS POSTPONING THE CITY OF SEVEN POINTS MAY 2, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION TO NOVEMBER 3, 2020; PRESERVING CANDIDATE FILINGS; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION DATES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on February 13, 2020 the City Council of the City of Seven Points ordered a General election for May 2, 2020 for the purpose of electing two Council Members and a Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, elections in Texas must be held on a uniform election date per state law; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas certified that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster and declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Governor of Texas issued a Proclamation to suspend various statutes to allow political subdivisions of the state that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEVEN POINTS, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS.**

**SECTION 1 - POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTION**

- A. Pursuant to the authority granted in the Proclamation of March 18, 2020, the general election ordered to be held on May 2, 2020 is hereby postponed until the next uniform election date, November 3, 2020.
- B. Candidate filings for the May 2 election will remain valid for the November 3 election. This postponement does not reopen candidate filings for the 2 council places and position of Mayor.
- C. All matters and dates 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.
- D. The deadline to submit applications for a ballot by mail will be October 23, 2020.

**SECTION 2 - APPLICATION FOR BALLOTS BY MAIL FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION**

- A. Applications for early voting by mail may be delivered to the Early Voting Clerk, Shirley Kirksey at PO Box 43233 Seven Points, Texas 75143.
- B. All applications for ballots by mail 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 elections, and that

applications for ballots by mail for voters who submitted such applications based on expected absence from the county would not be valid for the postponed election;

**SECTION 3 - EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

Early Voting by personal appearance shall be conducted beginning on October 19, 2020, and continuing through October 30, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the exception of early voting by personal appearance being conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday and second Monday of the early voting period, being October 19, 2020 and October 26, 2020 and on Saturday, October 24, 2020 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:**

City of Seven Points 428 E. Cedar Creek Pkwy Seven Points, Texas 75143

**SECTION 4 - DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE**

Any individual seeking to vote in the November 3, 2020, election must register to vote by October 5, 2020.

**SECTION 5 - ELECTION DAY**

Voting shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at City of Seven Points, 428 E. Cedar Creek Pkwy. Seven Points, Texas 75143.

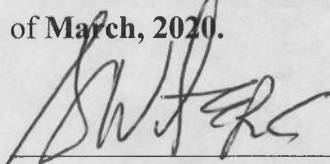
**SECTION 6 – SEVERABILITY**

Should any sentence, clause, provision or section of this order be deemed invalid or illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction, said finding shall not affect the remaining sentences, clauses, provisions or section of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

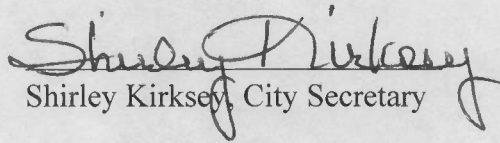
This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Seven Points, Texas this 24th day of **March, 2020**.



Skippy Waters, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shirley Kirksey, City Secretary

