

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS;  
POSTPONING THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTION OF  
OFFICERS AND THE SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE ADOPTION  
OF A HOME RULE CHARTER FOR THIS CITY; FINDING FACTS;  
AND PROVIDING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE, SAVINGS CLAUSE,  
AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY,  
TEXAS:

**1. Findings of Fact**

The City Council of the City of Iowa Colony ("the City") finds that the following facts are true:

a. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor of Texas has issued a Proclamation dated March 18, 2020, authorizing local governments, such as the City, to postpone their elections from May 2, 2020, to November 3, 2020.

b. Pursuant to Sections 31.003 and 31.004 of the Texas Election Code, the Secretary of State of Texas has issued Election Advisory No. 2020-12, dated March 18, 2020, concerning postponement of elections pursuant to the Governor's Proclamation.

c. This ordinance is passed pursuant to the authority of that Proclamation and that Election Advisory, in full compliance with all applicable law concerning the substance of this ordinance and the procedures for passing it.

**2. Postponement of General and Special Elections**

Both the general election of officers of the City and the special election on the adoption of a home rule charter for the City are hereby postponed from May 2, 2020, to November 3, 2020.

**3. Candidate Filings**

The candidate filings for the general election of officers shall remain valid for the election on November 3, 2020, and the filing period will not be reopened for the November election date.

**4. Voting by Mail**

a. **Over 65 or Disabled.** Applications for ballots by mail for the May election date based on the voter being over age 65 or disabled shall still be valid for the November election date.

**b. Expected Absence.** Applications for ballots by mail based on the expected absence of the voter from the county on the May election date will not be valid for the November election date

**5. Key Dates**

The following dates, among others, are established by law for the November election:

- a.** October 5, 2020 – voter registration deadline;
- b.** October 23, 2020 – deadline to submit an application for a ballot by mail; and
- c.** October 19-30 – early voting, with specific hours on specific dates to be determined.

**6. Amendment of Election Ordinances**

**a. Current Amendments.** This ordinance amends but does not replace Ordinance No. 2020-01, which calls the 2020 general election of City officers, and Ordinance No. 2020-02, which calls the special election on the adoption of a home rule charter for the City. Those ordinances and all other ordinances of the City shall remain in full force and effect, subject to the amendments herein.

**b. Future Amendments.** No later than August 17, 2020, the City shall further amend the ordinances calling the 2020 general and special elections, as necessary to reflect any changes in matters such as the early voting times, locations, and clerk.

**7. Severance Clause**

If any part of this ordinance, of whatever size, is ever declared invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this order shall remain in full force and effect.

**8. Effective Date**

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

READ, PASSED, and APPROVED this 23rd day of March, 2020.



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Michael Byrum-Bratsen, Mayor  
City of Iowa Colony, Texas

ATTEST:



Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary  
City of Iowa Colony, Texas

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