

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

A Resolution of the Town of Cecilton, Maryland for Purposes of Postponing the June 2020 Town Election.

WHEREAS, a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed in the State of Maryland to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within Maryland, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed in nearly all Maryland counties, including Cecil County;

WHEREAS, Cecil County, Maryland has also proclaimed a state of emergency due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health recommend social distancing and avoiding gatherings;

WHEREAS, the currently known and available scientific evidence and best practices support limitations on gatherings and social distancing to prevent exposures and transmissions, and reduce the threat to especially vulnerable populations, including older individuals and those with chronic health conditions;

WHEREAS, to reduce the threat to human health caused by transmission of the novel coronavirus in the Town of Chesapeake City and the State of Maryland, and in order to save lives, it is necessary and reasonable that individuals in the Town refrain from congregating;

WHEREAS, the Town Election would ordinarily be conducted at a polling location or locations that, during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency, hinder social distancing, enable the transmission of the novel coronavirus, and pose risks to public health, welfare, and safety;

WHEREAS, the holding of a municipal election at polling locations during or around the time of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency would potentially expose government buildings, voters, municipal officers, employees, and volunteers to the novel coronavirus;

WHEREAS, the Town election must be accessible, secure, and safe;

WHEREAS, the Town's elections are normally held on the first Monday in the month of June in accordance with the Town Charter;

WHEREAS, the state of emergency and the catastrophic health emergency is impairing the ability of the municipal officials, employees, and volunteers of the Town to hold an election on June 1, 2020;

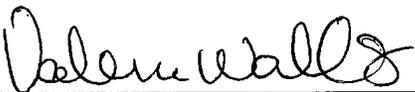
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public health and safety of the Town, its citizens, officials, employees, and volunteers to postpone the June 1, 2020 Town election so such election and pre-election activities do not occur during a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency such as the current COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Executive Order No. 20-03-30-03 of the Governor of the State of Maryland and the applicable provisions of Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the Local Government of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Town has amended its Charter to provide that the Town Council, may, in the event of a state of emergency or public health catastrophe, postpone the date of a Town election.

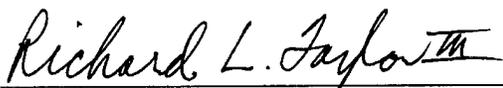
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY resolved this 13th day of April 2020, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Chesapeake City that the Town Election scheduled for the first Monday in June, 2020, which is June 1, 2020, be postponed to the first Monday in July, 2020, which is July 6, 2020.

It is further resolved that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

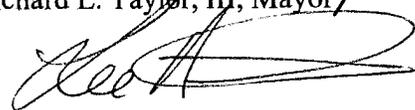
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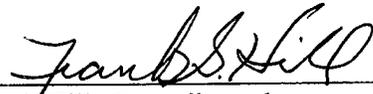
Valerie Walls, Clerk



Richard L. Taylor, III, Mayor



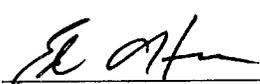
Lee Adams, Councilmember



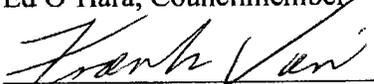
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Randy McLennan, Councilmember

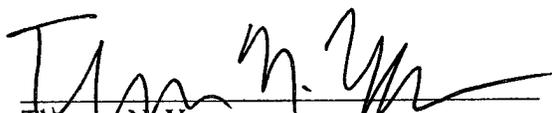


Ed O'Hara, Councilmember



Frank Vari, Councilmember

Approved as to Form:



Thomas N. Yeager,
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