



## The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

### Resolution R7-2020

**A RESOLUTION** of the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton rescinding Resolution R2-2020 and establishing the date of the Town of Elkton's municipal election.

**WHEREAS**, the Charter of the Town of Elkton, Article VII., Registration, Nomination, and Elections, §§ C7-1, et seq., provides for the election of Elkton's Mayor and Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with Elkton's Charter an election was initially scheduled for May, 2020, for the election of two (2) commissioners for the Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, four (4) eligible citizens of Elkton filed for election and were to be placed on the ballot for the May, 2020, election; and

**WHEREAS**, Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., issued an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency and a Catastrophic Health Emergency for the entire state on March 5, 2020, pursuant to the Maryland Constitution and the Laws of the State of Maryland, including, but not limited to, Title 14 of the Public Safety Article, and in an effort to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19, a contagious and potentially fatal viral infection; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Hogan has issued and continues to issue a number of Executive Orders affecting the citizens of Maryland in order to implement measures to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, which are necessary for the public health, welfare, and safety of Maryland's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Hogan issued Executive Order No. 20-03-30-03 on March 30, 2020, entitled *Enabling Municipalities to Postpose Elections*, stating that a State of Emergency and a Catastrophic Health Emergency was in existence and that the threat to human health caused by the transmission of COVID-19 in Maryland necessitated that people in the state refrain from congregating, which historically occurs during municipal elections at polling locations, further enabling the potential transmission of COVID-19 and the threat to the public health, welfare, and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with Governor Hogan's Executive Order No. 20-03-30-03 and with the intent to protect the public health, welfare, and safety during the State of Emergency and the Catastrophic Health Emergency caused by the spread and devastating effects of COVID-19, the Governor's Executive Order provided the authority for a municipality to suspend its election, specifically by suspending the provisions of law under Title 4, Subtitle 3, Amendment or Repeal of Charter, Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, given that Title 4, Subtitle 3, has been suspended under Governor Hogan's Executive Order No. 20-03-30-03, the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton enacted Resolution R2-2020, postponing the May 20, 2020, municipal election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton have subsequently decided to take the following action regarding Resolution R2-2020 and the Town of Elkton's municipal election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton, that:

1. Resolution R2-2020, postponing the May, 2020, municipal election is hereby rescinded;
2. The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall conduct the Town of Elkton's municipal election on Tuesday, September 15, 2020;
3. The Board of Supervisors of Elections, with the assistance of the Town of Elkton's staff, shall plan and implement all reasonable measures to conduct the election in a manner to maximize the health, welfare, and safety of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, the Town's staff, the candidates, the voters, and the public during the election process; and
4. A Public Notice shall be published in the Cecil Whig, on the Town of Elkton's website, and on available social media platforms announcing the Tuesday, September 15, 2020, municipal election, including all pertinent election information, along with health and safety measures to be utilized.

READ AND PASSED DURING A VIRTUAL TOWN MEETING  
THIS 5TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

Mayor and Commissioners  
of the Town of Elkton

Mayor Robert J. Alt  
Commissioner Jean A. Broomell  
Commissioner Charles H. Givens, Sr.  
Commissioner Robert M. Massimiano  
Commissioner Earl M. Piner, Sr.