



## The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

### Resolution R2 - 2020

**A RESOLUTION** of the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton postponing the May 2020 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 the Town's Mayor and Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Town's Charter an election was 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., proclaimed a State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency for the entire state on March 5, 2020, pursuant to the Maryland Constitution and Laws 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 the 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 a number of 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 Postpone Elections*, stating that a State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency still existed and that the threat to human health caused by the transmission of COVID-19 in Maryland necessitated that individuals in the State of Maryland 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 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 an 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. 20-03-20-03, the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton provide the following:

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

1. Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., be notified that the Town of Elkton will postpone its May 2020 election until the State of Emergency and the Catastrophic Health Emergency has been terminated by the Governor.
2. The Town of Elkton shall postpone its May 2020 municipal election until such time as the Governor has proclaimed that the COVID-19 State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency has been terminated.
3. The Town of Elkton shall schedule its municipal election within 120 days following the date that the Governor has rescinded the State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency.
4. Commissioners elected following the State of Emergency and the Catastrophic Health Emergency by a Special Election conducted by the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall serve a term expiring on the first regular Board meeting in June, 2024, unless otherwise provided by the Charter of the Town of Elkton.

**READ AND PASSED DURING A VIRTUAL TOWN MEETING THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 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.