

MEMO TO: Mayor Dittrich and Members of City Council

FROM: Joanna King, City Secretary

SUBJECT: Amendment to 2020 Election Order

DATE: October 1, 2020

The Benbrook City Council adopted Resolution 2020-07 on July 16, 2020 establishing procedures for joint election with Tarrant County Elections Division to be held November 3, 2020 for the following officials for the City of Benbrook, Texas:

Member of the Council, Place 2
Member of the Council, Place 4
Member of the Council, Place 6

The Resolution established the early voting dates and hours, the deadline to return in-person mail ballots, and listed local Election Day polling places.

On July 27, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation suspending Section 85.001(a) of the Texas Election Code to expand the early voting period for the November 3, 2020 elections, as well as date to return mail ballots.

Pursuant to the Governor's proclamation, the early voting period will begin on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 and last through Friday, October 30, 2020. This expansion will allow for increased in-person voting opportunities for the November 3, 2020 elections while maintaining appropriate social distancing standards in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

Section 86.006-(a-1) was suspended in order to allow a voter to hand deliver their marked mail ballot to the early voting clerk's office before Election Day.

At the time of adoption of Resolution No. 2020-07, the election-day polling places were determined from a draft document provided by the Tarrant County Elections Division. The City Secretary has been notified by Tarrant County that the local election-day polling place for Benbrook has been amended. The local Election Day polling Places are now Trinity Chapel, Benbrook Community Center and Benbrook Community Center/YMCA.

With the changes in the election-day polling places, Early Voting dates and times and deadline for the return of mail ballots, staff has prepared a resolution amending the Election Order for the November 3, 2020, General Election.

Staff recommends that City Council adopt the Resolution amending the election order.

