

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-007

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE DATE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO COINCIDE WITH NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2. of the Town of Bluff City, Tennessee, municipal charter currently provides that the election for office of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall be held on the third Tuesday in May in each odd numbered year, and declares this as the date of the general Town election; and

WHEREAS, the charter also provides that the term of each member of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall begin on the date after they are elected and qualified following the member's election; and

WHEREAS, *T.C.A. §6-54-138* provides, notwithstanding any private act of the municipality to the contrary, the legislative body of a municipality may by ordinance change the date of municipal elections to coincide with the August or November general election; and

WHEREAS, *T.C.A. §6-54-138* further provides that the ordinance changing the elections shall provide for the extension of the terms of the members of the legislative body of the municipality necessary to meet the election date, but no term may be extended more than two (2) years beyond its regular expiration date; and

WHEREAS, *T.C.A. §6-54-138* further provides that if an action is taken pursuant to this statute, the presiding officer of the legislative body shall file a certified copy of the ordinance with the State Coordinator of Elections; and

WHEREAS, in Tennessee, county-wide elections are held on the first Tuesday in November in even numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Bluff City, Tennessee, believes it would be in the best interest of the Town if elections for all Town elected officials coincided with the date of the November general election for local, state and federal offices; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen wishes to clearly set out how this change will effect the terms of current elected officials and their successors; and

WHEREAS, this change could save the Town up to \$11,500.00 per election.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BLUFF CITY, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

1. In accordance with *T.C.A. §6-54-138* the Town of Bluff City hereby sets the date of the general municipal election for all elected officials in the municipality as the first Tuesday in November in each even year starting with 2022.

2. The term of the board members shall begin after they are elected and qualified.

3. The election for the seats currently occupied by Mayor Irene Wells, Aldennan Richard Bowling, and Aldennan Ray Harrington, which in the absence of this Ordinance would be held on May 18, 2021, shall be held on November 8, 2022.

4. The election for the seats currently occupied by Aldennan Jeff Broyles, Alderwoman Carol Keith and Aldennan Eric Ward, which in the absence of this Ordinance would be held in May of 2023, shall be held on November 5, 2024.

5. The Mayor is directed to file or cause to be filed a certified copy of this Ordinance with the State Coordinator of Elections and with the Sullivan County Election Commission.

6. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days from and after its final passage and publication, the public welfare requiring it.

Irene Wells

Irene Wells, Mayor

Attested:

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Sharon Green, City Recorder

Approved
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Passed on First Reading:

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Passed on Second Reading:

Public Hearing:

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