CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR AND ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 1, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 2, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 6 AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 7; PROVIDING FOR A JOINT ELECTION TO BE HELD WITH OTHER ENTITIES; SETTING THE DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH TARRANT COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

WHEREAS, the General Election for certain City Council Members of the City of Watauga as set forth by the Home Rule Charter and by the Texas Election Code is required to be held on May 2, 2020, at which time the voters will elect persons to fill the offices of City Council Member Place 1, City Council Member Place 2, City Council Member Place 6 and City Council Member Place 7, of the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watauga, Texas, and other entities desire to conduct joint elections through Tarrant County pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Election Code, including the conduct of joint early voting and the provision for the sharing of expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

I.

The City of Watauga and other entities shall hold a joint election through Tarrant County Elections Administration on May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing members of the City Council of the City of Watauga and certain officials of other entities.
II.

An election is hereby called to elect persons to fill the offices of City Council Member Places 1, 2, 6 and 7 on the City Council to serve until May 2022. The polling places for voting on election day for election precincts, shall be the election day voting locations including City Hall, 7105 Whitley Road, City of Watauga, Texas, designated by the Tarrant County Elections Administrator, set forth in Exhibit A, as may be active on election day, May 2, 2020, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Exhibit A may be modified to include additional or different election day voting locations designated by the Tarrant County Elections Administrator.

III.

Candidates may file for office from January 15, 2020, through February 14, 2020. The last day to file a declaration of write-in candidacy is February 18, 2020. Candidates may file an application in the office of the City Secretary on weekdays, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

IV.

Days and hours for Early Voting by Personal Appearance shall be as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date(s)</th>
<th>Days</th>
<th>Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>April 20-24, 2020</td>
<td>Monday – Friday</td>
<td>8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 25, 2020</td>
<td>Saturday</td>
<td>7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 26, 2020</td>
<td>Sunday</td>
<td>11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 27-28, 2020</td>
<td>Monday-Tuesday</td>
<td>7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This schedule may be modified to include additional or different early voting locations, dates and times designated by the Tarrant County Elections Administrator and to conform to the joint election agreement.

V.

The election shall be conducted according to the election laws of the State of Texas and the Home Rule Charter of the City of Watauga.

VI.

The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge shall be appointed by Tarrant County.

VII.

The Tarrant County Elections Administrator is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk. Applications for ballot by mail must be received by mail no later than the close of business
VIII.

Early Voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the Tarrant County Main Early Voting location: 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111 and Watauga City Hall, 7105 Whitley Road, Watauga, Texas 76148, as well as other offices established by Tarrant County as set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part hereof. Exhibit B may be modified to include additional or different early voting locations, dates and times designated by the Tarrant County Elections Administrator and to conform to the joint election agreement.

IX.

The expenses of the election shall be borne by the City of Watauga and other entities participating in the joint election, and the election shall be conducted as outlined in an election agreement with Tarrant County, attached hereto as Exhibit C. Such agreement is hereby authorized for execution.

X.

This Ordinance shall be and is hereby cumulative of all Ordinances of the City of Watauga, Texas, and this Ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any such other Ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, in which event, such conflicting provisions, if any, in such Ordinance or Ordinances are hereby repealed.

XI.

If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.
XII.

This Ordinance shall become effective and shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of passage and adoption by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas, and upon application of law and in accordance with Sections 3.11 and 3.13 of the Charter of the City of Watauga, Texas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas, this the 13th day of January, 2020.

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/
Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Gardner /s/
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

George Hyde /s/
City Attorney