RESOLUTION 2015-10

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COLLINSVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF COLLINSVILLE TO EXECUTE THIS RESOLUTION AND HAVE IT PUBLISHED AS REQUIRED BY LAW, CALLING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY OF COLLINSVILLE, OKLAHOMA, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016, AND, IF NECESSARY, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016, SAID ELECTION TO BE THE BIENNIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR WHO SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS; AND TWO COMMISSIONERS FROM WARDS I AND II TO BE ELECTED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THOSE WARDS TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS AND UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED AND QUALIFIED.

WHEREAS, it is required by the Charter of the City of Collinsville that there be a biennial election for the purpose of electing a Mayor who shall be elected at large to serve for a period of two years; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the Charter of the City of Collinsville, Oklahoma, that there be a biennial election for the purpose of electing two commissioners from Wards I and II to serve a period of four years who shall be elected by the voters of their respective Wards.

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Collinsville, Oklahoma, requires that said biennial election be held on the first Tuesday in March in the year 2016 as a primary election, and if necessary, a general election to be held on the first Tuesday in April in the year 2016, and that this resolution be published, calling for the said biennial election for the Mayor and Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COLLNSVILLE, OKLAHOMA:

Section 1. The duly elected, qualified and acting Mayor of the City of Collinsville, Oklahoma, acting in that capacity is hereby authorized, ordered and directed to publish this resolution calling for a biennial election for the purpose of electing a Mayor, who shall be elected at large for a term of two years, and two Commissioners from Wards I and II to serve for a period of four years each to be elected by the qualified electors of their respective Wards and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 2. Said biennial election shall be held on the first Tuesday of March, which is March 7, 2016, for a primary election to be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and a general election, if necessary, to be held on the first Tuesday of April, which is April 5, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Voting shall take place at all polling places within the City of Collinsville and its fence line.

Section 3. The election shall be a non-partisan election.

Section 4. The Mayor and City Commissioners shall have been residents of the City of Collinsville one year prior to their election and shall be qualified voters of good moral character, not in litigation with the City, and not under 25 years of age. City Commissioners shall be residents of the Wards they represent.

Section 5. The filing period for candidates seeking office shall start at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 21, 2015 and end at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23, 2015. Contest of candidacy may be filed until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 29, 2015.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF November, 2015

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October 28, 2015

Dear Municipal Officials:

A resolution for the City of Collinsville 2016 Regular Municipal Elections must be filed with the Tulsa County Election Board no later than Wednesday, December 16, 2015, according to Section 13-102 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statues.

Your city charter calls for a filing period beginning on the first Monday of February extending to the first Wednesday of February. Due to the recent passing of updated legislation, your new filing period will start at 8 a.m. on Monday, December 21, 2015 and end at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23, 2015. Contests of candidacy may be filed until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 29, 2015.

The nonpartisan municipal primary election will be held on March 1, 2016, followed by the general election April 5, 2016.

Charter cities may choose to follow provisions of state election law in any area in which the charter is silent. Please indicate in the resolution which provisions of state law, if any, the city chooses to follow in the upcoming election.

Please also provide the County Election Board with copies of any recent charter amendments or ordinances concerning elections and your most recent map and or legal description of your municipality with your wards to be used at the precinct for voting purposes and filing purpose. The maps and or legal descriptions provided will be the basis for your election setup and establishes who is eligible to vote in your election. Any new annexations to your municipal limits should be postponed or not become effective from the time your resolution is filed until after your election. Annexations made after the election setup begins could result in your election being challenged because our setup will not include the newly annexed persons as eligible voters. In fact, the precinct registry will indicate they are not eligible for the municipal ballot.

Enclosed is a Municipal Resolution Checklist we use to ensure your resolution contains all the necessary information. You may find this helpful as you prepare your resolution.

Also, regarding municipalities with fencelines or other areas with zero voters, you are now required by law to list precincts with zero voters in your municipality in your

resolution and state if they are to remain open or be closed. See HB2499 effective July 1, 2012.

State law also requires <u>all</u> voters to provide proof of identity. Voters who do not have proper identity under the law must vote a provisional ballot in all elections – including municipal elections. Provisional voting is a process which allows voters who believe themselves to be eligible to vote, but whose eligibility cannot be confirmed at the polling place on election day, to cast a ballot which is then sealed in a special affidavit envelope. A provisional ballot is counted after election day only when the information provided by the voter is verified by the County Election Board.

Please contact me at the Tulsa County Election Board office if you have questions concerning the upcoming regular municipal election. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Patty Bryant, Secretary

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Enclosures

1. Checklist