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**WHEREAS**, Article IX, Section 900 (a), of the Charter of the Town of Elsmere requires that a regular municipal election be held on the last Saturday in April 2011, and on the last Saturday in April each two years thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IX, Section 900 (a), of the Charter of the Town of Elsmere requires that the Mayor and Council pass an ordinance that sets the Rules and Regulations concerning the nomination and election process for the regular municipal elections;

### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ELSMERE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That in addition to the requirements of the Charter of the Town of Elsmere, the Code of the Town of Elsmere and the Delaware State Law, the following shall be considered the Rules and Regulations for the 2019 Municipal Elections.
2. In accordance with Section 900 (a), of the Charter of the Town of Elsmere, the 2019 regular municipal election shall be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019.
3. The hours during which the polls shall be open on this date shall be from 10:00a.m. to 7:00p.m...
4. The polling place for the election shall be the Elsmere Town Hall, located at # 11 Poplar Avenue, Elsmere, Delaware 19805.
5. The election shall be held only for the offices which have more than one candidate seeking a particular office and who has properly filed for election to that office as of Monday, February 12, 2019 in accordance with Chapter 19 of the Code of the Town of Elsmere.
6. The Town Manager shall make the required public notice of the election as prescribed by the Charter and Law.
7. The filing deadline for the 2019 Biennial Election shall be Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7:00pm.
8. The withdraw deadline for the 2019 Biennial Election shall be Monday, February 11, 2019 at 4:00pm.
9. Absentee Ballots shall be made available on February 26, 2019 in accordance with Chapter 19 section 14 C (2) of the Code of the Town of Elsmere.

10. Write in votes shall not be permitted in the 2019 Municipal Elections.
11. That Mrs. Diana Reed and Mrs. Jackie Moore are appointed as Absentee Ballot Clerks for the election.
12. That the Inspector, Judges and Election Officers shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council at their April 11, 2019 meeting.
13. That the counting of any absentee ballots shall take place in the Meeting Room #201 of the Elsmere Town Hall located at # 11 Poplar Avenue, Elsmere DE 19805 by the Absentee Election Judges (who shall be appointed by the Elsmere Board of Elections), at a meeting to be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 5:00pm.
14. That the Board of Election shall certify the results of the Election at a public meeting in the Council Chambers at the Elsmere Town Hall on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:30pm.
15. That a Special Council Meeting shall be held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:30pm for the purpose of Swearing in the Mayor and Council, as well as, the Organizational Meeting of the Mayor and Council. This meeting shall be held in the Council Chambers at the Elsmere Town Hall.
16. If upon the date of withdraw (Monday, February 11, 2019), only one candidate has filed for each particular council district and for each of the offices that are voted upon at large there shall be no Biennial election. Each of the unopposed candidates shall be deemed to have been elected to the office to which they filed. Town Council shall make public notice that the General Town Election is canceled and shall list the names of all unopposed candidates and the office to which they will serve.

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Eric Scott Thompson, Mayor

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Brian Hurst, Secretary

Approved as to form:

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Town Solicitor

## **SYNOPSIS**

This Ordinance sets forth the procedures to be followed during the 2019 Municipal Elections as required by the Charter of the Town of Elsmere.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The cost of the 2019 Biennial Election is estimated to be approximately \$5,000.00.