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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 12:00pm.
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 Council Chambers Room #208 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. As of, Monday, February 11, 2019, which was the deadline for withdraw of candidacy, the following offices had only one candidate file for each particular office, therefore, each of the unopposed candidates shall be deemed to have been elected to the office to which they filed.

For the Office of Mayor:

Mr. Eric Scott Thompson

For the Office of 1st District Council:

Mrs. Marianne C. Skipski

For the Office of 3rd District Council:

Mr. Robert L. Kacperski

For the Office of 4th District Council:

Mr. Charles G. McKewen

For the Office of 5th District Council:

Mrs. Joann I. Personti

For the Office of 6th District Council:

Mr. Brian E. Hurst

17. As of, Monday, February 11, 2019, which was the deadline for withdraw of candidacy, the following office had multiple candidates file for office and shall have an election to be held in accordance with this ordinance. The following candidates' names (and only these candidates names) shall appear on the official ballot:

For the Office of 2nd District Council:

Mr. Steven E. Burg
Ms. Sally A. Jensen
Mr. Robert J. Stewart

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Eric Scott Thompson, Mayor

Brian Hurst, Secretary

Approved as to form:

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.