

***AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL  
TO TRANSITION COUNCIL ELECTIONS  
FROM MAY TO NOVEMBER***

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Code § 15.2-1400 was amended in pertinent part to state that

Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 24.2-222 and 24.2-222.1, any city or town charter, or any other provision of law, general or special, beginning with any election held after January 1, 2022, elections for . . . members of a local governing body, . . . shall be held at the time of the November general election for terms to commence January 1. That any city or town currently providing for the election of its . . . governing body . . . at a May election shall, by ordinance, provide for the transition of such elections to the November general election date. No term of a mayor, a member of council, shall be shortened in implementing the change to the November election date. Mayors and members of a council . . . who were elected at a May general election and whose terms are to expire as of June 30 shall continue in office until their successors have been elected at the November general election and have been qualified to serve; and

**WHEREAS**, by Charter Section 3.1, Town Council elections have been conducted in May, pursuant to the above-referenced change in Virginia Code, Council will adopt this ordinance to transition elections to the November general election date.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the council of the Town of Abingdon that:

Should any section or provision of this ordinance be decided to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or provision of this ordinance or the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that:

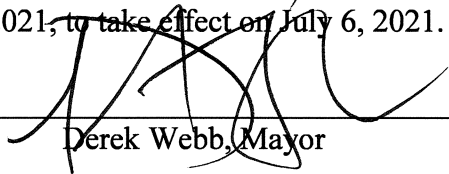
Any Town Council election to be conducted after January 1, 2022, shall be held on the November general election date. Members of council who were elected at a May general election and whose terms are to expire as of June 30, 2021, shall continue in office until their successors have been elected at the November general election and have been qualified to serve.

**CERTIFICATE**

Pursuant to Section 2-100 of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia, I hereby certify that I have reviewed the foregoing proposed ordinance to amend, and find it to be in correct form, as set forth above, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

  
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Cameron Bell, Counsel

This ordinance was adopted on July 6, 2021, to take effect on July 6, 2021.

  
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Derek Webb, Mayor

The undersigned Clerk of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia (the “Town”), hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the Council held on June 7, 2021. I hereby certify that such meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing ordinance, a quorum was present. I further certify that the minutes of meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing ordinance, a quorum was present. I further certify that the minutes of such meeting reflect the attendance of the members and the voting on the foregoing ordinance was as follows:

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	VOTE
Derek Webb, Mayor	Yes	Aye
Donna Quetsch, Vice Mayor	Yes	Aye
Amanda Pillion	NO	-
James Anderson	Yes	Aye
Mike Owens	Yes	Aye

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Town of Abingdon as of July 6, 2021.

(SEAL)

  
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Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk