



CITY OF DAHLONEGA
City Council Special Called Meeting Agenda
July 19, 2021 4:00 PM
Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 2021-09: Setting the Municipal General Election
Doug Parks, City Attorney
2. Resolution calling for a special referendum election authorizing the City of Dahlonega, Georgia to issue licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits
Doug Parks, City Attorney

ADJOURNMENT



Ordinances and Resolutions

DATE: 07/08/2021
TITLE: Ordinance 2021-09: Setting the Municipal General Election
PRESENTED BY: Doug Parks, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

This is an Ordinance confirming the 2021 Municipal General Election, appointing consistent with the IGA Lumpkin County to conduct the elections, setting times and dates for qualification, appointing a qualifying officer and an alternate, confirming qualifying fees, identifying that the Mayor and Council members filling posts 1, 2 and 3 will be elected, identifying the qualifications for candidates, and other matters regarding the 2021 election.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

Motion to approve.

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance 2021-09

ORDINANCE 2021-09

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE 2021 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION, APPOINTING LUMPKIN COUNTY TO CONDUCT THE ELECTIONS, SETTING TIMES AND DATES FOR QUALIFICATION, APPOINTING A QUALIFYING OFFICER AND AN ALTERNATE, CONFIRMING QUALIFYING FEES, IDENTIFYING THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FILLING POSTS 1, 2 AND 3 WILL BE ELECTED, IDENTIFYING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES, AND OTHER MATTERS REGARDING THE 2021 ELECTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BIT IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dahlonega and it is so ordained by the authority thereof that:

WHEREAS, the City of Dahlonega desires to comply with all State Election Laws; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dahlonega general election will be held pursuant to state laws on Tuesday, November 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Lumpkin County (Election Division) by contract will be responsible for the City of Dahlonega Absentee Voting and Early Voting; and

WHEREAS, Lumpkin County (Election Division) by contract will also be responsible for the City of Dahlonega General Election to be held on November 2, 2021, and shall perform all duties as superintendent of elections except for the qualification of candidates; and

WHEREAS, qualifying for the November 2, 2021, City of Dahlonega Municipal Election will begin on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. and end on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. for the offices of the Mayor and City Council Posts 1, 2 and 3; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council do hereby appoint Mary Csukas, City Clerk to serve as the Qualifying Officer with Allison Martin as an alternate; and

WHEREAS, qualifying fees have been set at:

Mayor \$270.00

Council Member \$144.00; and

WHEREAS, all elected offices of the Mayor and City Council are four (4) year terms; and

WHEREAS, this election is to fill the posts of Mayor and Council Member Posts 1, 2 and 3; and

WHEREAS, qualifications to run for Mayor or City council for the City of Dahlonega are as follows:

- Must be a registered and qualified City of Dahlonega Voter.

- Shall be a resident of the City of Dahlonega for a period of one year immediately prior to the date of the election of Mayor or Council.
- Shall continue to reside in the City of Dahlonega during their term of office.
- Must meet the qualification standards required for members of the Georgia House of Representatives as are now or may in the future be prescribed by the Georgia constitution.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED that:

The November 2, 2021, election shall be conducted in its entirety by Lumpkin County. The County shall perform all duties as superintendent of elections except for the qualification of candidates pursuant to the election code of the State of Georgia; qualifying dates shall begin on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. and end on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.; that Mary Csukas is appointed qualifying officer with Allision Martin as the alternate; that the offices of Mayor and Council Member posts 1, 2 and 3 are to be elected November 2, 2021; that all candidates must satisfy the qualifications for election set forth in the City Charter and enumerated above for the four-year terms specified by the City Charter; with qualifying fees to be as follows: Mayor \$270.00, Council Member \$144.00.

ORDAINED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

Sam Norton, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Csukas, City Clerk



Ordinances and Resolutions

DATE: 07/08/2021
TITLE: Resolution calling for a special referendum election authorizing the City of Dahlonega, Georgia to issue licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits
PRESENTED BY: Doug Parks, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

OCGA 3-4-41 provides that a municipality may authorize, through proper resolution or ordinance, the issuance of licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits within the City limits of the City of Dahlonega. The authorization is conditioned upon a special referendum election wherein the voters of the municipality vote on the question of whether or not the governing authority of the municipality shall be authorized to issue licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits within the City limits. The special referendum election will take place on November 2, 2021.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

Motion to approve.

ATTACHMENTS:

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA TO ISSUE LICENSES FOR THE PACKAGE SALE OF DISTILLED SPIRITS

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION
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WHEREAS, Section 3-4-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated provides that in the event the governing authority of any municipality desires to exercise the powers authorized by Section 3-4-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, which section provides that a municipality may authorize, through proper resolution or ordinance, the issuance of licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits within the City limits of the City of Dahlonega; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-4-41(a) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated provides that such authorization is conditioned upon a special referendum election wherein the voters of the municipality vote on the question of whether or not the governing authority of the municipality shall be authorized to issue licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits within the City limits of the City of Dahlonega; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dahlonega has determined that it is desirable to exercise the powers authorized by Section 3-4-41(a) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated within the City limits of the City of Dahlonega; provided more than one-half of the votes cast in the special referendum election are in favor of issuing licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits.; and

WHEREAS, Section 21-2-540 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated designates the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2021; said date being November 2, 2021, as a date on which a special referendum election may be held for the purpose of a referendum called under Section 3-4-41(a) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; and

WHEREAS, there has been no special referendum election held by the City of Dahlonega to determine whether its governing authority shall be authorized to issue licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits within the City limits of the City of Dahlonega within the two (2) year period immediately preceding the date of this resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA that the Superintendent of Elections for the City of Dahlonega be and is hereby authorized to issue a notice of the call of a special referendum election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Dahlonega, the question of whether or not the City Council of the City of Dahlonega shall be authorized to issue licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits within the City limits of the City of Dahlonega.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following notice of special referendum election be published once a week for two (2) weeks, immediately preceding the date of the election in the official organ of Lumpkin County, Georgia:

NOTICE OF CALL OF SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Dahlonega, Georgia, will hold a Special Referendum Election on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, for the purpose of voting on the question of whether or not the governing authority of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia, shall be authorized to issue licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits.

The ballot will read as follows:

- YES Shall the issuance of licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits be approved?"
- NO

Those desiring to vote in favor of the issuance of licenses shall vote "Yes".
Those desiring to vote against the issuance of the licenses shall vote "No".

Only those voters registered in City of Dahlonega elections shall be allowed to vote in the Referendum Special Election.

Mary Csukas
Qualifying Officer and
Superintendent of Elections
City of Dahlonega

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution as the notice of the call of the special referendum election be published on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, in the official organ of Lumpkin County, Georgia, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-540.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to notify the Lumpkin County Elections Manager and Chief Registrar Ashley Peck of the referendum by forwarding to the Superintendent a copy of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the registration books to register voters to vote in the special referendum election are to be held open until 4:30 p.m. on the 4th day of October, 2021.

IT IS SO RESOLVED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

by the City Council of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia.

Sam Norton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Csukas, City Clerk

Prepared by and
approved as to form by:

J. Douglas Parks, City Attorney

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The ballot will read as follows:

YES Shall the issuance of licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits be approved?"

NO

Those desiring to vote in favor of the issuance of licenses shall vote **"Yes"**.

Those desiring to vote against the issuance of the licenses shall vote **"No"**.

Only those voters registered in City of Dahlonega elections shall be allowed to vote in the Special Referendum Election.

Registration books are now open to register any voters and will remain open through Monday, October 4, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. on the My Voter Page at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov or at all places where registration is permitted by law.

The polling place for the Referendum Special Election for those electors registered to vote in the Referendum Special Election will be the precinct where the elector regularly votes in county, state and federal elections and the polls will be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

As set forth in the American with Disabilities Act of 1992, the City of Dahlonega does not discriminate on the basis of disability and will assist citizens with special needs, as provided by law. For information please call (706)864-6133.

This __ day of September, 2021

Mary Csukas
Qualifying Officer and
Superintendent of
Elections
City of Dahlonega