

ORDINANCE NO. 24-20
For the Village of Elizabeth, LA

See June 5, 2020 Minutes

AN ORDINANCE TO CALL FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AND PLACE A PROPOSITION ON THE BALLOT TO ALLOW THE VOTERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF ELIZABETH TO DETERMINE IF THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELIZABETH SHOULD BE AN ELECTED POSITION OR AN APPOINTED POSITION AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Elizabeth, Louisiana, who met in special session and enacted the following Ordinance No.24-20 which shall read as follows:

SECTION 1: BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in the Village of Elizabeth that in accordance with R.S. 33:381.2, the Village of Elizabeth Board of Aldermen do hereby call for a special election for the purpose of deciding if the mayor is to be authorized to hereafter appoint a marshal who is the chief of police with the approval of the governing authority or provide for the election for a marshal who is the chief of police.

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a special election be called for the date of November 3, 2020, for voters to decide if the chief of police for the Village of Elizabeth is to be appointed or elected.

PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR THE MAYOR TO APPOINT A MARSHAL WHO IS CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELIZABETH WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELIZABETH.

Shall the Mayor of the Village of Elizabeth, with the approval of the Board of Aldermen for the Village of Elizabeth, be authorized to appoint a marshal who is the Chief of Police for the Village of Elizabeth?

SECTION 3: Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Kinder Courier*, a weekly newspaper of general circulation within the parish, published in Kinder, Louisiana, and being official journal of the Parish, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein full.

SECTION 4: Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Elizabeth Village Hall, 230 Poplar Street, Elizabeth, Louisiana, on December 1, 2020 at 5:00 pm, then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of said special election. The cost of the special election shall be approximately \$150.00.

SECTION 5: Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners, respectively will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 6: Election Commissioners / Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, pursuant to Section 5 hereof, or such substitutes therefore as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on December 1, 2020, as provided in Section 4 hereof. All registered voters of the Village of Elizabeth will be entitled to vote at the special election and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 7: Authorization of Officers. The Clerk of the Council is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms, and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election, including but not limited to, appropriate submission to the Federal Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

SECTION 8: Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this ordinance shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Election, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Allen Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Allen Parish, as notification of the special


election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 28th day of May, 2020 by notice of Public Hearing having been published on the 4th day of June, 2020, said Public Hearing having been held, title having been read and Ordinance considered, on motion by Kelly Stalsby, and seconded by Angela Smith to adopt the Ordinance. A record vote was taken and the following result was had:


	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAINING
Angela Smith	X			
Kelly Stalsby	X			
Ken Kelly			X	

Whereupon the Mayor declare the above Ordinance duly adopted on the 5th day of June, 2020. Final publication was made on the 2nd day of July, 2020.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted on the 8th day of June, 2020.



Mayor

Attest: 

Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of an ordinance adopted by the Village of Elizabeth Board of Aldermen, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Village of Elizabeth that a special election will be held within the Parish on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Village of Elizabeth qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Mayor of the Village of Elizabeth, with the approval of the Board of Aldermen for the Village of Elizabeth, be authorized to appoint a marshal who is the Chief of Police for the Village of Elizabeth?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the Village of Elizabeth which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00 a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES

**WARD 5 PRECINCT 02 (PRECINCT IN PART)
ELIZABETH CITY HALL
230 POPLAR ST
ELIZABETH, LA 70638**

The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Elizabeth Village Hall, 230 Poplar Street, Elizabeth, Louisiana, on December 1, 2020 at 5:00 pm, then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of said special election. The cost of the special election shall be approximately \$150.00.