

## General Election Changes

Item: To adopt the new election changes as required by the Commonwealth.

Discussion:

1. The General Assembly changed the date of general local elections from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in May to the second Tuesday in November each year.
2. Town Council must adopt the changes to reflect the new election law in the Town Charter.

Recommendation

1. Town Council adopts the following ordinance:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Chase City, Virginia:

1. That Section 4 Paragraph 3 of the Code of the Town of Chase City, Virginia, election and terms of members of the Council of the Town of Chase City, Virginia is hereby amended and re-ordained as follows:

Town Government; generally

Section 4

Paragraph 3

Except as set forth herein, the mayor and members of the town council shall be elected as provided in the Town Charter. Notwithstanding any provision of the Town Charter to the contrary for any election held after January 1, 2022, elections of the mayor and members of the town council shall be held at the time of the general election for terms to commence on January 1. The inaugural meeting of a newly elected council, as set forth in § 4-3 of the Town Charter, shall take place on the date of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the town council in the month of January following the November election.

No term of a mayor or a member of council shall be shortened in implementing this change to the November election date. The mayor and members of the town council who were elected at a May general election and whose terms are set to expire as of June 30 shall continue in office until their successors' terms commence on the January 1 following their election at the November general election.

2. That this ordinance shall be effective on and after July 1, 2021.