

RESOLUTION #2020-07

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN
AMENDED WRIT FOR SPECIAL ELECTION OF A
COATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE.**

WHEREAS, City Council Member-at-Large Deborah Bookman resigned effective December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Bookman's resignation creates a vacancy in the office of Council Member-at-Large in the City; and

WHEREAS, City Charter §2-208.E, requires that a special election be held in the City to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Council Member Bookman at the next regularly scheduled municipal, general or primary election occurring at least 60 days after the vacancy occurred; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Election Code, 25 P.S. §2778.1, requires City Council to issue a writ fixing the day for the special election; and

WHEREAS, City Council timely issued a writ fixing the special election to fill the vacancy to be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 18, 2020, there were positive cases of Coronavirus COVID-19 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and at least six (6) presumptive positive cases in Chester County, which presents the possibility of the disease spreading both within Chester County and within the City of Coatesville and may, therefore, endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing within the City and likewise threatens to create substantial public health, medical, and emergency response activities within the City; and


WHEREAS, the federal government and the Governor of Pennsylvania have declared a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coatesville has also declared a state of emergency; and


WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may reschedule the Primary presently scheduled for April 28, 2020, due to the potential risk to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Coatesville that a writ shall be issued to Chester County Voter Services and Board of Elections in the form attached hereto, directing that in the event of a rescheduled Primary, an election be held in the City of Coatesville at the next scheduled Primary election for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to fill the unexpired term of Council Member-at-Large Bookman.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Council of the City of Coatesville has adopted and enacted this Resolution this 30th day of March, 2020.


Linda Lavender-Norris
City Council President

ATTEST:



Michael Trio
City Manager