



# CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**William T. Martin**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-07**  
**of the**  
**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE**

**Setting a New Municipal Election Date**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Maryland issued an Order Number 20-03-30-01 March 30, 2020 amending and restating the Order of March 23, 2020, Prohibiting Large Gatherings and Events and Closing Senior Centers, and All Non-Essential Businesses and Other Establishments, and Additionally Requiring All Persons To Stay At Home; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Governor's orders, gatherings in excess of 10 people are prohibited, social distancing is mandated, and a stay at home order requires people to stay at home except for sustenance, prescriptions and essential work as defined in the Governor's orders, making it difficult to conduct a municipal election where citizens would be required to leave their homes to vote and potentially and inadvertently promote gatherings of more than 10 people, making social distancing difficult if not impracticable; and

**WHEREAS**, also on March 30, 2020, the Governor issued Order Number 20-03-30-03, Enabling Municipalities to Postpone Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, April 15th, the Governor issued executive order Number 2020-04-15-01, mandating face coverings be worn in public; and

**WHEREAS**, after a public hearing held on April 20, 2020, the City Council approved the Charter Resolution No. 287, which amends City Charter Section 13 and authorized the Mayor to temporarily suspend the May 5, 2020 City election until 60 days after the lifting of the Governor's State of Emergency which postponement was consistent with the Governor's Executive Orders cited above; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor issued Executive Order on 2020-03 postponing the City's May 5, 2020 election as permitted by Charter Resolution 287; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted Resolution 2020-07 setting forth alternate voting procedures to maintain the health and safety of voting for citizens, which provisions and safety precautions; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 6, 2020, the Governor issued a Proclamation renewing the Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency – COVID 19, but allowing citizens to travel to polling places to vote in the primary elections on June 2, 2020, provided safety precautions are in place; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2020, the Governor issued Order Number 20-05-13-01, Amending and Restating the Order of May 6, 2020 Allowing the Reopening of Certain Businesses and Facilities, Subject to Local Regulation, which permitted limited reopening of certain retail, manufacturing, religious, and outdoor recreational facilities, among others, but continuing to recognize the risk of COVID-19 to vulnerable populations; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 27, 2020, the Governor issued Order Number 20-05-27-01, Amending and Restating the Order of May 13, 2020, Allowing Reopening of Certain Businesses and Facilities, Subject to Local Regulation, replacing the May 13, 2020 Order; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2020 pursuant to authority granted under Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, the Mayor declared a state of emergency for a period of 30 days, subject to renewal, which was renewed on May 1, 2020 for another 30 day period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has been monitoring all updates from the Governor's Office, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, and the Federal Government including Centers for Disease Control; and

**WHEREAS**, the on June 1, 2020, the Mayor extended the local state of emergency for another 30 days by Executive Order 2020-06;

**WHEREAS**, despite the continued emergency order, and in view of the Governor's recent lifting of some restrictions under the Stay at Home order, is it in the best interests of the citizens to proceed with the City election provided all safety precautions of social distancing and mask-wearing are taken into account while

conducting the municipal election, consistent with City Council Resolution 2020-07 and the Governor's May 6, 2020 Proclamation.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, William T. Martin, Mayor of the City of Havre de Grace, by virtue of my oath to uphold the laws of the State of Maryland and authority granted under City Charter Section 13, as amended, in an effort to protect the safety, health and welfare of the citizens and employees of the City of Havre de Grace and to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus within the City, do hereby order that:

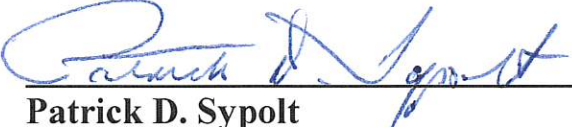
1. The May 5, 2020 City election is rescheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020, provided that the safety precautions and procedures set forth in City Council Resolution 2020-07 are put in place, together with such other precautions as may be approved by a resolution of the City Council consistent with the Governor's Orders and May 6, 2020 Proclamation.
2. The polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
3. Notice of the rescheduled election date and sample ballot shall be published in as provided in the City Charter, Section 10:


The Board of Election Supervisors shall give at least seven (7) days' notice of any City election by publishing a notice in one (1) or more newspapers having general circulation within the City. The notice shall include the election date; polling places; times when the polls are open and closed; and an accurate sample copy of the official ballot.

4. The Board of Election Supervisors shall proceed with appointment of election judges and clerks in accordance with City Charter Section 9.

**Issued under my hand and seal this 1st day of June, 2020.**

**Witness/Attest:**

  
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**Patrick D. Sypolt**  
**Director of Administration**

  
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**William T. Martin**  
**Mayor**