

Town of Jarratt Administrative – Ordinance to Change Town Elections from May to November			
SECTION: Administration -Elected Officials		Ordinance #: 2021 –1109	
POLICY: Elected Officials: Election Month & Terms of Service			
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AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE TOWN ELECTIONS FROM MAY TO NOVEMBER AND AMENDING TERMS OF OFFICE FROM A TERM OF TWO YEARS TO A TERM OF FOUR YEARS FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JARRATT

**WHEREAS**, The Virginia General Assembly passed SB1157, Municipal Elections; shifting elections to November, was passed in the 2021 Special Session and became law on July 01, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill SB1157 requires that all municipalities who currently hold general elections in May to move their elections to November and the bill is silent as to which November the municipality may choose; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill SB1157 also requires that terms of elected officials cannot be shortened in order to enact the change; and

**WHEREAS**, SB1157 requires all municipal elections shift from May to November beginning with elections held after January 01, 2022; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Jarratt Town Council, under duress, under requirements of the Virginia General Assembly that the Town of Jarratt elections be moved to November from May as required under SB1157; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Jarratt Town Council, that the next Town of Jarratt elections be held in November 2022 with the next election taking place November 2025 and continue henceforth every four years following the November 2025 election; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Jarratt Town Council, that the Mayor shall be elected at the November general election and every four years thereafter by the qualified voters of the Town for a term of four years and his/her term of office shall begin the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January next ensuing, and he/she shall hold office until his/her successor shall have qualified; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council members shall be elected at the November general election and every four years thereafter by the qualified voters of the Town for a term of four years. Council members shall begin their term of office on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January next ensuing, and shall hold office until their successor shall have qualified; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Jarratt Town Council, if the Virginia General Assembly or the Governor of Virginia decides that SB1157 should not have been passed and the municipalities should have the ability to decide when their elections are to be held, the Town of Jarratt will have the ability and authority to revert back to May elections in the future; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this ordinance will take effect immediately upon passage.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

ATTEST:

Judy Houchins  
Judy Houchins, Clerk

Melanie Wilson  
Melanie Wilson, Mayor

COUNCIL MEMBER	YEA	NAY
Annie Peavy	AP	
Anne Brown	AB	
Dana Kinsley	<del>DK</del>	
Omar Smith	<del>OS</del>	
Brian Harrison	BTH	
Ray Young		