



## **TOWN OF FALMOUTH**

### **ORDER NO 127-2020**

#### **JUNE AND JULY 2020 COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**BE IT HEREBY ORDERED THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2020, BY THE FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL, FALMOUTH MAINE, IN TOWN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:**

WHEREAS on March 31, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 28, which directed people to stay at home except for essential business operations and activities in order to reduce the transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS on April 10, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 39, entitled, "An Order Modifying the Primary Election to Reduce Exposure to COVID-19," which suspended the requirement under 21-A M.R.S. § 339 that the primary election be held on the 2nd Tuesday in June and directed that the State Primary Election scheduled to be held on June 9, 2020 be postponed to July 14, 2020, unless changed by subsequent Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, Section 801 of the Falmouth Town Charter requires the regular election for members of the Town Council and the School Board to be held on the second Tuesday in June; and

WHEREAS, Section 206 of the Falmouth Town Charter requires the Town Council to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in June following the regular Town election to have Councilors-elect be sworn into office; and

WHEREAS, Section D-3 of Emergency Legislation enacted on March 18, 2020 as Public Law 2019, Chapter 617 entitled, "An Act to Implement Provisions

Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency” allows the municipal officers to postpone the date of a secret ballot election “notwithstanding any law or municipal charter provision or ordinance to the contrary, during calendar year 2020”; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council passed an order to postpone the regular municipal election on April 27, 2020 in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the voters of the Town, as well as Town staff and election workers; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council meeting schedule should be adjusted for the months of June and July to support the postponement of the regular municipal election.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the aforesaid laws, orders, and recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, it is hereby ordered as follows:

ORDER: To (i) postpone the annual meeting to swear in Councilor-elects from the third Monday in June to the third Monday in July, (ii) establish a regular Town Council meeting for the month of June on June 22 and, (iii) cancel the regular Town Council meeting on July 27. (Note – there will be a special Town Council meeting on June 15 that has already been scheduled by the Town Council. No other meetings have been scheduled for the months of June and July.)

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ellen Planer**  
**Town Clerk**