

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE GEORGIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON MARCH 20, 2018 TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MAYOR JAMES GROGAN, WHO WAS REMOVED FROM OFFICE; TO SET DATES FOR QUALIFICATION; TO REQUEST THE CONTINUED ASSISTANCE OF THE DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN CONDUCTING THE SPECIAL ELECTION ON MARCH 20, 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, the registered voters of the City of Dawsonville, Georgia elected James Grogan to a four-year term as Mayor beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019;

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2017, the City Council of the City of Dawsonville voted to remove James Grogan from the office of Mayor for violation of the Charter and Ordinances of the City;

WHEREAS, James Grogan appealed his removal from the office of Mayor to the Superior Court of Dawson County, Georgia;

WHEREAS, the Superior Court of Dawson County, Georgia dismissed James Grogan's appeal by order entered on October 9, 2017;

WHEREAS, due to the aforesaid removal from office, a vacancy is created in the office of Mayor for the City of Dawsonville which, in accordance with the City Charter and state law, must be filled by a Special Election for the remaining terms of office;

WHEREAS, the City of Dawsonville has an agreement in place with the Dawson County Board of Elections to conduct City of Dawsonville Municipal Elections pursuant to Article 9, § 3, Paragraph 1, of the Georgia Constitution;

WHEREAS, the date of March 20, 2018 is authorized by the Georgia Secretary of State as an official voting date for municipal special elections in Georgia;

WHEREAS, in accord with the City Charter and Ordinances, state law and as authorized by the Georgia Secretary of State, qualification dates for the Special Election to fill the unexpired term of James Grogan as Mayor should be set for January 8-11, 2018 and the qualifying fee shall be \$720.00;

AND WHEREAS, notice of this Resolution for Calling for a Special Election to fill the unexpired terms of Mayor Grogan will be advertised in the legal organ of the City of Dawsonville as required by Georgia law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Dawsonville, Georgia, as follows:

Section 1. A Special Election is hereby called for March 20, 2018 to fill the unexpired term of James Grogan as Mayor of Dawsonville. The individual elected at the Special Election will be sworn in as Mayor of Dawsonville on April 9, 2018 at the regularly scheduled monthly Council meeting and will serve until December 31, 2019 or until his/her successor is duly elected and sworn into office.

Section 2. Qualification dates for the Special Election for Mayor are set for January 8, 2018 beginning at 9:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. each day, concluding on January 11, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Dawson County Board of Elections, located at 96 Academy Avenue, Dawsonville, Georgia 30534. The Qualification fee for the office of Mayor shall be \$720.00 made payable by check or money order to the City of Dawsonville.

Section 3. In accord with the existing Intergovernmental Agreement, the assistance of the Dawson County Board of Elections is requested to conduct this Special Election and all costs or charges related solely to the expense of the Special Election shall be paid by the City of Dawsonville.

Section 4. All prior resolutions or actions of the City in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be and remain in full force and effect from and after its date of adoption.

Adopted this 4th day of December, 2017.

CITY OF DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA

By:



Jason Power, Mayor Pro Tem & Council Member



Caleb Phillips, Council Member



Angie Smith, Council Member



Mike Sosebee, Council Member

ATTESTED TO BY:



Beverly Banister, City Clerk