

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM

CITY COUNCIL OF THE)
CITY OF MANASSAS, VIRGINIA,)
Petitioner.)

IN RE: Petition for Writ of Election for a)
Special Election to Fill a Vacancy on the City)
Council of the City of Manassas, Virginia)

Case No. 19-5178

WRIT OF ELECTION

IT APPEARING that Ken D. Elston, a duly elected member of the City Council of the City of Manassas, Virginia, has submitted to the City Council a written notice of his resignation from Council, with July 31, 2019 as his last day in office; and,

IT FURTHER APPEARING that on June 24, 2019 the City Council adopted Resolution No. R-2019-62, directing the City Attorney to petition this Court to issue a Writ for a Special Election to fill the vacancy as provided by law, and to request that the special election be ordered for Tuesday, November 5, 2019, the date of the next general election in the City; and,

IT FURTHER APPEARING that pursuant to Virginia Code § 24.2-226 (A) the Court, upon the receipt of such a Petition for a Writ of Election to fill a vacancy on City Council; is authorized to immediately issue the Writ to call the election; and,

IT FURTHER APPEARING, and the Court so finds, that a vacancy will exist on the City Council of the City of Manassas as of August 1, 2019, and that the Petition filed on behalf of the City Council is in proper and lawful form, it is therefore

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the election officials of the City of Manassas, Virginia shall open the polls for the conduct of a special election pursuant to Virginia Code § 24.2-226 and § 24.2-681, *et seq.*, and such other election laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia as may be applicable and that such special election shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 for the purpose of filling the vacancy that exists on the City Council of the City of Manassas for the remainder of the unexpired term of Ken D. Elston; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the deadlines for filing declarations of candidacy and the petitions therefor, and for nominations by political parties by methods other than a primary, shall be the applicable deadlines provided in Chapter 5 (§ 24.2-500, *et seq.*) of Title 24.2 of the Code of Virginia; and it is

FURTHERED ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the special election shall be conducted and the ballots counted, the returns made and canvassed, and the results thereof shall be certified by the Secretary of the Electoral Board for the City of Manassas to this Court, to the City Council of the City of Manassas and to the State Board of Elections; and be it

FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Clerk of this Court shall forthwith send a certified copy of this Order to the State Board of Elections, to the City of Manassas General Registrar, to the Secretary of the Electoral Board for the City of Manassas, and to the City Attorney for the City of Manassas; and be it

FINALLY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Clerk of this Court and the General Registrar shall cause public notice of the special election to be provided in accordance with Virginia Code § 24.2-683 which may be by publishing a certified copy of this Order, preceded by the caption: "SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MANSSAS" once in the *Prince William Times*, a

newspaper of general circulation in City of Manassas, at least ten (10) days before the November 5, 2019 special election.

ENTERED this 15th day of July, 2019.



JUDGE

I ASK FOR THIS:

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