

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STANTON, TEXAS POSTPONING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2020 AND MOVING IT TO NOVEMBER 3, 2020 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REAUTHORIZING THE STREET MAINTENANCE SALES TAX; MAKING FINDS THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is still a fluid situation with an unknown outcome: and

WHEREAS, there are both Federal and State Guidelines regarding prevention of this disease, the City is taking measures to try and prevent the spread of the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued a proclamation suspending Section 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office, and suspending Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed their election to November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stanton, as most other jurisdictions, is currently under a disaster declaration that has an unknown ending date; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has caused the availability of sanitation supplies (to ensure the safety of the voters and election workers) to become almost nonexistent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANTON, TEXAS:

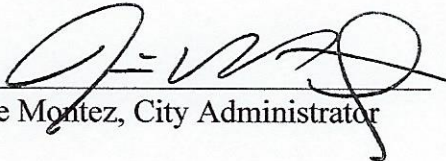
1. That the City Council is hereby postponing the May 2, 2020 General Election until November 3, 2020.
2. By postponing their election date, the political subdivision is preserving all candidate filings and ballot order actions that have already been taken. The postponement does not have the effect of reopening candidate filings.
3. All applications for ballot by mail (ABBMs) that were filed for the May 2, 2020 election that are marked annual would apply for the November 3, 2020 election. All single use applications for ballot by mail that were submitted for reasons of age or disability would still be valid for the November 3, 2020 election. All applications for ballot by mail based on expected absence from the county would **not** be valid for the postponed election.
4. The major relevant dates for the November 3, 2020, election will take effect. Voter registration deadline to vote in the November, 2020 election is October 5, 2020. The deadline to submit an application for ballot by mail is October 23, 2020. The date for early voting is October 19 through October 30, 2020.

5. Under Art. XVI, Sec. 17 of the Texas Constitution, the individuals who currently hold public offices that are scheduled to be on the ballot on the May uniform election date will continue to exercise the duties of those offices until the new officers take their oaths of office, following the November uniform election date.

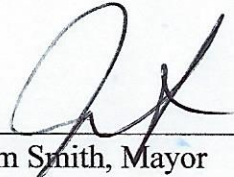
6. That this resolution shall be effective from and after its date of passage.

The City of Stanton, Texas has exercised its authority granted through Governor Abbott's proclamation and hereby orders the postponement of the May 2, 2020 general election until November 3, 2020 general election.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 13th day of April, 2020 by a vote of the City Council of the City of Stanton, Texas.



Jesse Montez, City Administrator



Jim Smith, Mayor