

**ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION POSTPONEMENT**  
(Orden de Pos ponimiento de las Elecciones Generales)

To the registered voters of San Patricio County, Texas; (A los votantes registrados del condado de San Patricio, Texas)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF MATHIS WILL BE POSTPONING THE MAY 2, 2020 ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE TO THE PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS ON MARCH 18, 2020. THIS ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

Por lo presente se da aviso que la Ciudad de Mathis pospondrá las elecciones del 2 de mayo de 2020. Las elecciones se llevaran a cabo el 3 de Noviembre de 2020 junto a la elección general.

Candidate filings will remain valid for this election and will be on the ballot to be held on the November date. The filing period will not be re-opened.

Las presentaciones de los candidatos serán válidas para esta elección y estarán en la boleta que se llevara a cabo en la elección de Noviembre. Este periodo de presentación no se volverá a abrir o cambiar.

All Ballot by Mail applications received for voters over the age of 65 or due to disability will still be valid for the postponed election. The deadline to submit a Ballot by Mail application will be October 23, 2020. Todos solicitudes de boleta por correo recibidas por los votantes de 65 años o mayores de edad o por discapacidad seguirán siendo válidas para la elección aplazada. La fecha para recibir solicitudes en oficina será cerrada el 23 de Octubre de 2020.

The last day to register to vote will be October 5, 2020. El último día para registrarse para votar será el 5 de Octubre de 2020.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a)

Pamela Hill, Elections Administrator  
P.O. Box 579  
Sinton, TX 78387

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 23, 2020. (Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 23 of Octubre 2020.)

Issued this the 23<sup>rd</sup>, day of March, 2020.



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Signature of Presiding Officer  
(Firma del Oficial que Preside)

**RESOLUTION No. R-20-03-46**

**A RESOLUTION POSTPONING THE CITY OF MATHIS GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS FROM MAY 2, 2020 UNTIL NOVEMBER 3, 2020, WHICH IS THE NEXT UNIFORM ELECTION DATE, PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION DATED MARCH 18, 2020.**

**WHEREAS**, a resolution ordering the General and Special Election to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020, as prescribed by the General Election Laws of the State of Texas, was approved by the City Council at a meeting on February 10, 2020 via Resolution No. R-20-02-37 for the purpose of electing a Council Member Place 1, Council Member Place 2 and Council Member Place 4 and via Resolution No. R-20-02-38 for the purpose of a Special Election; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 41.001 (a)(2) of the Texas Election Code provides that a general or special election in this state shall be held on a uniform election date, and the next uniform election date is occurring on May 2, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 41.0052 of the Texas Election Code prescribes a procedure for a political subdivision to change a general election date, but the time for making such a change has expired; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 31.093 of the Texas Election Code requires a county elections administrator to enter into a contract to furnish election services upon request of a political subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 42.0621 (c) of the Texas Election Code does not require a political subdivision to enter into a contract with a county or hold a joint election with a county on the November uniform election date; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas certified that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster and, under the authority vested in the Governor by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has the express authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules of a state agency if strict compliance with the provisions, orders, or rules would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governor signed a proclamation on March 18, 2020 suspending Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election 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

**WHEREAS**, the Proclamation also stated that the authority ordering the election under Section 3.004 of the Texas Election Code is authorized to make the decision to postpone its election in accordance with the March 18, 2020 proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Proclamation further stated that current office holders will hold over to the extent authorized by Article XVI, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution; and,

**WHEREAS**, the President declared a disaster due to the virus on March 13, 2020, the Governor declared a disaster due to the virus on March 13, 2020, and the Mayor declared a disaster due to the virus on March 18, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a rapidly changing public health crisis due to the contagious novel coronavirus and the primary concern is the health and safety of voters, election workers, and our local election officials and the City desires to protect them and reduce the spread of the virus.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Mathis, Texas that the City is exercising the authority granted to it in the Proclamation from Governor Abbott dated March 18, 2020 that was filed in the Office of the Texas Secretary of State at 10 a.m. on March 18, 2020 to postpone the General and Special Election that was to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020 for the purpose of electing a Council Member Place 1, Council Member Place 2 and Council Member Place 4 and for a Special Election until Tuesday, November 3, 2020, which is the next uniform election date.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the candidate filings for the May 2, 2020 election will remain valid for the election to be held on November 3, 2020 and that the filing period will not be re-opened for the November election date.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all ABBMs for voters that are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability will still be valid for the postponed election, and that ABBMs for voters who submitted ABBMs based on expected absence from the county for the May 2020 election would not be valid for the postponed election in November 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the major relevant dates for the November election include the voter registration deadline (October 5, 2020), the deadline to submit an ABBM (October 23, 2020), and the dates for early voting (October 19, 2020 - October 30, 2020).

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that a separate resolution will be considered prior to August 17, 2020 to make any necessary revisions to the City's original order of election.


**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that in accordance with the order of this governing body, the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting, and said notice having been so posted and remaining posted and continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall be and become effective on and after adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by majority vote of the City Council of the City of Mathis, Texas this the 23rd day of March, 2020.

  
Ciri Villarreal, Mayor

  
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Sandra Quinones, Council Member

  
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Richard Salinas, Council Member

  
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Eufemia Nieto, Council Member

  
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Ramon Acosta, Council Member

  
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David Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem

**ATTEST:**

  
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Mary A. Gonzales, City Secretary