

**ORDER POSTPONING THE MAY 2, 2020 ELECTION  
OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, by Order dated December 17, 2019, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District (the "District") ordered that an election be held on May 2, 2020 for the purpose of electing two members of the Board of Directors of the District, namely Director of Drainage Precinct 2 and Director of Drainage Precinct 3;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, as a result of the existence of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within multiple counties in the State of Texas, and pursuant to Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Gregg Abbott declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, also due to the outbreak of COVID-19, Judge John Gothia, County Judge of Orange County, Texas, declared a local state of disaster within the entire boundaries of Orange County, Texas, and further issued an "Order Regarding the Occupancy of Premises Throughout Orange County, Texas, Including Within All Incorporated Municipalities" which, among others, orders that events greater than 50 persons shall cease at all locations throughout Orange County;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation suspending certain provisions of the Texas Election Code and the Texas Water Code to allow all political subdivisions that are utilizing the May 2, 2020 uniform election date to postpone their election to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Gregg Abbott issued Executive Order GA 08 (relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation) which, among others, ordered that "in accordance with the Guidelines of the President and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people", and which noted that "the more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this executive order will expire";

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, County Judge John Gothia issued the Second Amended Emergency Order and Recommendations, which among other actions orders that gatherings of greater than 10 persons shall cease at all public facilities across Orange County; and

WHEREAS, in light of the disaster declared within the State of Texas and Orange County caused by the outbreak of COVID-19, and further in light of the orders and proclamations referenced herein, and for the purpose of not unduly placing the public and election judges at greater risk of exposure to COVID-19 as a result of the process and activities of conducting the election of Directors of the District on May 2, 2020, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District have determined that the election should be postponed until the November 3, 2020 uniform election date, as authorized by the Governor of the State of Texas.

THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District hereby ORDERS that the election of Director of Drainage Precinct 2 and Director of Drainage Precinct 3 is postponed from May 2, 2020 to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date.

It is further ORDERED that the candidate filings for the election will remain valid for the election to be held on the November 3, 2020 uniform election date, and that the filing period for such election will not be re-opened for the November election date; and

It is further ORDERED that all applications for a ballot by mail ("ABBM"), 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 country will not be valid for the postponed election; and

It is further ORDERED that the following dates and deadlines shall apply to the November 3, 2020 election of Director of Drainage Precinct 2 and Director of Drainage Precinct 3:

The deadline for voter registration is October 5, 2020;


Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:


Tina Barrow  
Orange County Election Administrator  
123 South 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Orange, Texas 77630

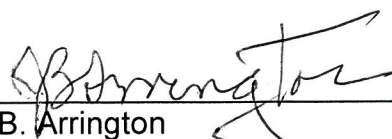
Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 23, 2020;

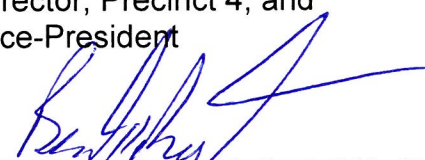
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at locations to be determined at a later date during the period of October 19, 2020 thru October 30, 2020.


ISSUED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Russell Covington  
Director, Precinct 1, and  
Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Hal LaPray  
Director, Precinct 4, and  
Vice-President

  
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J.B. Arrington  
Director, Precinct 2

  
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Brent K. Peveto  
Director at Large, and President

  
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Randy Fuselier  
Director, Precinct 3