



CITY OF MISSOURI CITY

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

GENERAL ELECTION OF CITY OFFICERS

November 3, 2020

July 18, 2020	<p>First day for filing an application for a place on ballot; and, first day for filing declaration of write-in candidacy for the General election.</p> <p><i>City offices are closed on Saturday, July 18. Applications will be accepted the next regular business day at 8:00 a.m.</i></p>
August 17, 2020	<p>Last day to file application for place on ballot in the General election. (Must be received by 5:00 p.m.)</p> <p>Statutory last day for ordering an election.</p>
August 20, 2020	<p>Drawing for place on ballot at 8:30 a.m. at the City of Missouri City, City Hall, Council Chambers, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489. (All candidates will be notified if change in date is made.)</p>
August 21, 2020	<p>Last day for a write-in candidate to declare candidacy in the General election. (Must be received by 5:00 p.m.)</p>
August 24, 2020	<p>Last day for a ballot candidate in General election to <u>withdraw</u> and have name removed.</p> <p>Last day for a write-in candidate in General election to <u>withdraw</u> and have name removed from write-in list.</p> <p>(Must receive in writing by 5:00 p.m.)</p>
Update: September 13, 2020	<p>First day candidate political signs may be posted throughout Missouri City.</p>
October 5, 2020	<p>1st report of Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Report due by 5:00 p.m., or midnight if filed electronically, by opposed candidates and specific-purpose committees supporting or opposing candidates. This is the 30-day prior to Election Day report. See NOTE below.</p> <p>Last day for submitting voter registration application in time to vote at the election or for requesting transfer of registration in time to vote in new precinct not in the same county and territory. See NOTE below.</p> <p>NOTE: 30th day is on Sun, Oct 4. These actions are extended to Mon, Oct 5 (29th day).</p>
Update: October 13, 2020	<p>First day for early voting by personal appearance begins.</p> <p><i>*On July 27, 2020, Governor Abbot issued a Proclamation (attached) extending the early voting period.</i></p>
October 23, 2020	<p>Last day to receive application by mail for a ballot to be voted by mail, by 12 noon or close of business, whichever is later.</p>
October 26, 2020	<p>2nd report of Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Report due by 5:00 p.m., or midnight if filed electronically. This is the 8-day prior to Election Day report.</p>



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October 30, 2020	Last day of early voting by personal appearance.
November 3, 2020 ELECTION DAY ** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	
November 5, 2020	Recommended day to PROVIDE OFFICIAL OATH AND STATEMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS to candidates who appear to have won, or may win. These are provided for information only. THE OATHS ARE TAKEN AFTER THE CANVASS.
November 6, 2020	Last day all candidate political signs must be removed throughout Missouri City.
November 6-17, 2020	PERIOD FOR OFFICIAL CANVASS.
November 9, 2020	Deadline for winning candidates to inform the City Secretary whom will be swearing them into office. (Must receive in writing by 5:00 p.m.) <i>The City Secretary's Office will confirm eligibly by or before the third business date.</i>
November 6-23, 2020	ORDERING OF RUNOFF ELECTION, if necessary, not later than 5th day after canvass. If the 5th day after canvass is Nov 21, a Sat, the deadline is extended to Mon, Nov 23, the 20th day after the election. A runoff candidate has until 5:00 pm of the 3rd day after the canvass to withdraw from the runoff election.
November 17, 2020	Official canvass of returns – Special City Council Meeting <i>(Date subject to change; All candidates will be notified if change is made.)</i>
December 7, 2020	Oaths of office for newly elected officers – Regular City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m., unless runoff election is necessary.
November 26, 2020 – January 1, 2021	POSSIBLE PERIOD FOR RUNOFF ELECTION, depending on date of official canvass, unless a charter provides for a later date. NOTE: NEW LAW (HB 88): The order of the names on the runoff ballot should be in the same order as they appeared on the general election ballot, so no ballot drawing is required for the runoff ballot.
January 15, 2021 & July 15, 2021	Semi-annual statement of campaign contributions and expenditures by candidates and officeholders due.



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

July 27, 2020

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Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation suspending certain statutes concerning elections on November 3, 2020.

The original of this proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, Dr. John Hellerstedt, has determined that COVID-19 continues to represent a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to legislative authorization under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, I have issued executive orders, proclamations, and suspensions of Texas laws in response to the COVID-19 disaster, aimed at using the least restrictive means available to protect the health and safety of Texans and ensure an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a) 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 November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, I issued a proclamation on March 18, 2020, suspending Sections 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 have held elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, Texas law provides that eligible voters have a right to cast a vote in person; and

WHEREAS, as counties across Texas prepare for the upcoming elections on November 3, 2020, and establish procedures for eligible voters to exercise their right to vote in person, it is necessary that election officials implement health protocols to conduct elections safely and to protect election workers and voters; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that elections proceed efficiently and safely when Texans go to the polls to cast a vote in person during early voting or on election day for the November 3, 2020 elections, it is necessary to increase the number of days in which polling locations will be open during the early voting period, such that election officials can implement appropriate social distancing and safe hygiene practices; and

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WHEREAS, Section 85.001(a) of the Texas Election Code provides that the period for early voting by personal appearance begins 17 days before election day; and

WHEREAS, Section 86.006(a-1) of the Texas Election Code provides that a voter may deliver a marked mail ballot in person to the early voting clerk's office while the polls are open on election day; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Texas Secretary of State, it has become apparent that for the November 3, 2020 elections, strict compliance with the statutory requirements in Sections 85.001(a) and 86.006(a-1) of the Texas Election Code would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the COVID-19 disaster, and that providing additional time for early voting will provide Texans greater safety while voting in person; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the legislature has expressly authorized the Governor 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby suspend Section 85.001(a) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require that, for any election ordered or authorized to occur on November 3, 2020, early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, and shall continue through the fourth day before election day. I further suspend Section 86.006(a-1) of the Texas Election Code, for any election ordered or authorized to occur on November 3, 2020, to the extent necessary to allow a voter to deliver a marked mail ballot in person to the early voting clerk's office prior to and including on election day.

The Secretary of State shall take notice of this proclamation and shall transmit a copy of this order immediately to every County Judge of this state and all appropriate writs will be issued and all proper proceedings will be followed to the end that said elections may be held and their results proclaimed in accordance with law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 27th day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT
Governor of Texas

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ATTESTED BY:



RUTH R. HUGHS
Secretary of State

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