

CAMPAIGN 2020

Today is the last day to vote early in Broward and Miami-Dade

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South Florida’s first election in the heart of the COVID-19 pandemic is almost over, with early voting ending this week-end ahead of Primary Day on Tuesday.

Early voting ends at 4 p.m. Sunday in Miami-Dade and at 5 p.m. in Broward. Sunday is the final day of early voting in those counties, while Monroe County wraps up early voting Saturday at 5 p.m.

Election offices also offer drop-off boxes for mail-in ballots, a system designed to let voters drive by without having to go inside during the pandemic. Those boxes won’t be available once early voting ends, but county election offices will continue accepting mail-in ballots.

Because the ballots must be received by Tuesday, election supervisors recommend hand delivery of outstanding ballots at this point, or voting in person. Voters who received mail-in ballots but didn’t use them can still vote in person, and supervisors ask that they bring their ballots with them. That’s not mandatory, though.

While voters must go to their assigned precincts on Tuesday, early voting sites are open to all voters in the county. Broward’s early-voting sites are listed here. Miami-Dade’s



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A polling worker looks on during early voting for the primary election at Miami Lakes Community Center on Thursday.

here, and Monroe’s here. Early voting starts at 9 a.m. in Broward on Sunday, and at 8 a.m. in Miami-Dade.

The August primary includes partisan contests for state legislative posts and elections for a mix of partisan and non-partisan county offices, including sheriff in Broward and mayor in Miami-Dade.

Despite the pandemic, voter interest has been high in the days leading up to Primary Day.

Even with two days left of early voting, 2020 totals of mail-in and early ballots have already exceeded final totals from 2018 and 2020. That sets

up the possibility of record turnout levels for the August primary, even if the contests will attract a fraction of voters who typically come out for the November election.

“The Primary Election’s early voting turnout is surprisingly high. It’s clear that voters are enthusiastic about this election,” Christina White, Miami-Dade’s elections supervisor, said in a statement. “My recommendation for those who haven’t yet voted is to go vote now.”

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TOWN OF CUTLER BAY NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Cutler Bay, Florida, will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible. Pursuant to Governor DeSantis’ Executive Orders 20-51 and 20-52, in which the Governor declared a public health emergency and a state of emergency, there is a recommendation to limit public gatherings. On March 20, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-69, “Emergency Management - COVID-19 Local Government Public Meetings.” Pursuant to Executive Order 20-69, “any Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present in person or requires a local government body to meet at a specific public place” is suspended, and the Town is authorized to hold public meetings through the use of communications media technology, subject to the adoption of rules pursuant to Section 120.54(5)(b)2, Florida Statutes. On July 29, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-179, which extended Executive Order 20-69 until 12:01 a.m. on September 1, 2020. On April 14, 2020, Town Manager Casals issued Emergency Order No. 20-03, providing rules of procedure for Public Meetings utilizing communications media technology, including instructions on how to access the public meeting either via telephone, video conference, or other communications media technology utilized by the Town.

The following Ordinance described below, will be considered on Second Reading for adoption:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA UPDATING THE TOWN WATER SUPPLY PLAN AND ADOPTING WATER SUPPLY PLAN RELATED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Town Council may continue or defer the hearing to a new date and time certain without further notice provided the date and time of the continuance or deferral is announced at the hearing. The Ordinance in its entirety may be requested through the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

Persons wishing to appeal any decision made by the Town Council with respect to any matter considered at such hearing will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (F.S. 286.0105). Any and all interested parties may appear at the above meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed items. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), persons needing special accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the Town Clerk’s Office for assistance at (305) 234-4262, no later than four (4) business days prior to such proceeding.

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Town Clerk