

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

ORDER TO REINSTATE PRECINCT 5

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County, Texas is a Texas County with a population greater than 150,000 and four (4) Commissioner Precincts, and four (4) Justice Precincts, with eight (8) Justices of the Peace and four (4) Constables as permitted by Article V. Section 18 of the Texas Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court may, under Article V. Section 18 of the Texas Constitution, elect to increase the number of Justice Precincts “from time to time and for the convenience of the people”; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2011, an Order abolishing Precinct 5 was approved by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court and the Precinct 5 offices closed their doors on December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Edcouch, Elsa, La Villa, Monte Alto, and Hargill, along with surrounding communities in the Delta Area have expressed their support of the reinstating of Precinct 5 for the benefit of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, after due consideration, believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens in the Delta area to increase the number of Justice Precincts by reinstating Hidalgo County Precinct 5, Justice of the Peace Precinct 5 Place 1 and Constable Precinct 5; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT of HIDALGO COUNTY that:

1. The recitals set forth in this Order are true and correct.
2. Precinct 5, which includes the positions of Justice of the Peace Place 1 and Constable, is hereby reinstated.
3. The Hidalgo County Elections Administrator shall note this change accordingly and assure that future ballots will reflect said change. The earliest date for the Primary Election will be March 6, 2018 and November 6, 2018 for the General Election. Winners will take office on January 1, 2019.
4. The residents of Precinct 5 will continue to be served by their respective Commissioner.

5. This Order reinstating the Hidalgo County Precinct 5, which includes Justice of the Peace Place 1 and Constable, is made for the convenience and benefit of the people of Hidalgo County, Texas after due and careful consideration of all factors relevant to the issues and after having timely posted public notice of such contemplated action in accordance with law and after hearing public comments thereon, in order to provide the most effective and convenient resources to the communities in Precinct 5.

Passed and Adopted, this 30th day of May, 2017.

It is so ordered.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk