

**SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA
INDIAN COMMUNITY**
10005 East Osborn Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

ORDINANCE NUMBER: SRO-519-2020

TO ENACT SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMUNITY’S 2020 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC TO ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND OTHER MEASURES ARE IN PLACE TO PREVENT AND REDUCE THE RISK OF EXPOSURE TO VOTERS AND THE COMMUNITY OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

To amend and add a new Section 3-66 to the Community’s Code of Ordinances:

Sec. 3-66. Special Emergency Procedures for the 2020 Primary and General Elections

- (a) *Purpose.* On March 18, 2020 the Community declared a Local Emergency Declaration and on April 1, 2020, the Community issued Local Emergency Declaration First Directive “to protect and defend the health and welfare of the Onk Akimel O’odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents, Community employees, businesses and visitors of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.” During this COVID-19 health pandemic the Community has put in place reasonable measures to maintain order and protect lives through social distancing and other measures to minimize, prevent and reduce the risk of exposure and spread of COVID-19.

- (b) *Special Procedures.* Notwithstanding any other provisions of Community ordinance or policy, during the 2020 COVID-19 health crisis, it is necessary that the Community’s election board make reasonable modifications to the election process to ensure social distancing and appropriate hygiene and sanitization to protect the SRPMIC voters and Community while maintaining the integrity of the election process including the following:
 - (1) The Election Board shall encourage voters to vote by mail, to limit the number of individuals gathering to vote on Tuesday July 28, 2020 and Tuesday, September 1, 2020 (“election days”).

 - (2) For the 2020 primary and general elections, all absentee ballots shall be treated as non-resident absentee ballots, so there are not two separate procedures for absentee ballot requests and timelines.

- (3) Section 3-6(e)(2) shall be suspended for the 2020 primary and general elections and there shall be no designated campaign area and no campaigning will be allowed on Community land or facilities near the polling sites on either election days.
- (4) Under Section 3-6(g), the election board may develop special procedures to ensure the identity of the voter without requiring the voter's signature on the signature roster, and also adopt other procedures to ensure social distancing and minimal human contact during the voting and election process.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

This Ordinance is hereby enacted pursuant to the authority contained in Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ratified by the Tribe, February 28, 1990, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, March 19, 1990, and amended by the Tribe, February 27, 1996, and approved by the Secretary April 23, 1996, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted this 20th day of May, 2020, in a duly called meeting held by the Community Council in Salt River, Arizona at which a quorum of 9 members were present by a vote of 9 for; 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 excused.

**SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA
INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



Martin Harvier, President

ATTEST:



Erica Harvier, Council Secretary

