



August 25, 2016

John Newman
2221 Chisholm Trail
Salado, TX 76571

Re: Certification of Petition

Dear Mr. Newman:

As required by the Texas Election Code, I hereby certify the petition submitted to the Village of Salado on August 18th, 2016, to be insufficient for the reasons set forth below.

In reviewing the petition for compliance with the requirements established in the Texas Election Code and the Texas Local Government Code, I find the petition is insufficient because the petition is not in compliance with Chapter 277 of the Election Code or Chapter 43 of the Local Government Code. Texas Election Code Section 277.002 sets out specifications for petitions. These specifications include:

- Signer's printed name;
- Signer's date of birth or voter registration number; and
- Date of Signing

The petition submitted on August 18th, 2016, did not contain the printed name of each signer, the date of birth or voter registration number of any signer, or the date of signing. The petition is insufficient because the metes and bounds were not included in the petition as required by law. TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE § 43.143.

Not only is the Petition insufficient, but pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 277.0023, the petition may not be "supplemented, modified, or amended on or after the date it is received. . . ."

City staff may not assist you with any questions that you may have concerning petition requirements. If you need assistance with election matters, you may contact the Elections Division of the Texas Secretary of State, at 1-800-252-8683.

I will notify the Board of Aldermen of my Certification of the insufficiency of the petition for their consideration at their next regular meeting on September 1, 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mary Ann Ray'.

Mary Ann Ray
Village Secretary