



VILLAGE ELECTIONS POSTPONED

March 30, 2020

To: Village Clerks, Deputy Clerks, and Attorneys
Cc: Village Mayors, Managers, Administrators, and Trustees

From: Peter A. Baynes, NYCOM Executive Director

Re: Village Elections Postponed - [Executive Order 202.13](#)

Pursuant to [Executive Order 202.13](#), which was issued the morning of March 30th, all village elections, including the previously postponed March village elections, and village elections scheduled to take place in April or May of 2020 have been postponed. However, no further information regarding the rescheduling of such elections is presently available. NYCOM is awaiting guidance from the Governor's Office since it was indicated in the Order that further information regarding the timing, location, and manner of the elections would be forthcoming. Based on input we are receiving from our March election villages, and as a way to avoid the complications of holding the election on the same day as the June 23 presidential and state primaries, NYCOM has requested that the Governor reschedule the postponed village elections for June 16 (which is the statutory date for this year's regularly scheduled June village elections). While the Executive Order does not expressly reference referenda, NYCOM is of the opinion that EO 202.13 includes referenda as well.

Additionally, the Executive Order has postponed the circulation, filing, and collection of all designating and independent nominating petitions. NYCOM staff will be updating the villages with clarifying guidance as soon as we are able.

We understand that this second postponement of the village elections and potential modification of the June political calendar is unsettling and has created much confusion. NYCOM staff is working with the State Board of Elections and the Governor's Office to provide you with answers and will be following up with more information as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued patience.

