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## **City Manager Tom Mattis Resigns to Accept New Position as City Manager in Elgin, Texas**

Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager for the City of Colonial Heights since October, 2010, announced today that he will be resigning from that position to accept a new job as City Manager in Elgin, Texas; a growing small city located in the Austin metropolitan area.

“This is certainly a bittersweet situation for us as Colonial Heights has been great to me and my family. I have been blessed with a great staff, Mayors, and City Council in my time here”, Mattis said. “This opportunity in Elgin, however, is a special one for us as it allows us to return ‘home’ to family and friends and be part of a historic, but growing community.”

The City of Elgin, located in Bastrop and Travis Counties, is a full-service city with a current population of over 10,000. Perfectly situated east of I-35 and located in one of the fastest growing regions in Texas, Elgin offers residents a charming small town lifestyle with easy access to nearby Austin. Although nationally recognized for its brick manufacturing industry, Elgin is also home to the Southside Market & BBQ, the first barbecue establishment in Texas; and was proclaimed by the Texas Legislature to be “The Sausage Capital of Texas.”

During his tenure in Colonial Heights, Mattis was part of the leadership team that facilitated a number of high-profile projects, the most significant of which being the new City Courthouse. After breaking a 10-year stalemate that delayed the much-needed project, construction began early in Mattis’ tenure and the state-of-the-art Courthouse opened in 2013 with a total building space of more than 57,000 square feet at a total project cost of \$22M. The Courthouse is the first building ever constructed in Colonial Heights to receive LEED®-Silver Certification; and is only the fourth locality-funded Courthouse in the entire Commonwealth of Virginia to have received this recognition.

Mattis also notes an improved capital improvement planning process, the sale of city-owned property for the planned development of a new Kroger grocery store, completion of the Boulevard Modernization Project, service as chairman of the Appomattox Water Authority Board of Directors, and the renovation of the Historic Shepherd Stadium among his more important contributions to the City.

“Tom has done an outstanding job serving the City of Colonial Heights. His dedication and leadership has made a positive impact to our community” said Mayor Greg Kochuba. “He will be greatly missed, but has an opportunity to return to Texas where his family is located. We wish him the best!”



Elgin will be the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) municipality Mattis has served as chief executive officer, in three different states over a 34-year career in public service. Before Colonial Heights, Mattis served as City Manager in the Texas cities of Rosebud, Pilot Point, and Bonham; in addition to his previous tenure as CEO in Waterville, Ohio.

Immediately prior to coming to Colonial Heights, Mattis served as the first City Manager in the history of the City of Kyle, Texas, which is also located in the Austin metropolitan area and faced similar growth-related issues as Elgin. It was Mattis' experience and familiarity with the area that made him an attractive candidate for the Elgin position.

"This was a well vetted process with a lot of good candidates," said Elgin Mayor Chris Cannon "but we are confident we got the right man for Elgin."

Mattis' appointment in Elgin was formally confirmed by a unanimous vote of the City Council on August 2. While his last official day of employment has not yet been determined, it is anticipated Mattis will remain on the job in Colonial Heights through the month of August.

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**About Colonial Heights**

The City of Colonial Heights is a full-service independent Virginia city that is home to just over 17,000 residents and serves as the market center for the Tri-Cities Area (which includes the cities of Petersburg and Hopewell, Prince George and Dinwiddie Counties and Fort Lee). For more information about Colonial Heights, please visit [www.colonialheightsva.gov](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov).