

To: City Council
CC: City Manager Ken Coleman
From: City Clerk Gail Davidson
Date: February 18, 2015
Re: Mail Ballot Election Resolution

City Councilors:

Section 2.4 of the Gunnison Municipal Home Rule Charter sets the Regular City Election be held on the second Tuesday in May of each odd numbered year. Hence, this year's election will be held Tuesday, May 12, 2015. Title 31, Article 10, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, aka the Municipal Election Code, provides for the process for municipal elections if the provisions are not stipulated in the governing home rule charter. The City has held the Regular Municipal Election via mail ballot since the late 1990s. Higher voter turnout and added convenience for our constituents have been cited for the continued use of this type of election.

In order to conduct the 2015 Regular Municipal Election as a Mail Ballot Election, Council would pass a resolution designating that process. Draft Resolution No. 4, Series 2015, is included in your packets.

Recent State legislation created voter service centers. These centers are required in county and state elections but are currently not required for municipal elections. I received several telephone inquiries in January requesting information on the designation of City Voter Service Centers. I explained that municipalities are not required to designate these centers. However, to keep the process consistent with other elections and assist our voters, Resolution No. 4, Series 2015, also clarifies there is one precinct in the City and the designated mail ballot drop-off location and voting center for the election will be Gunnison Municipal Hall. This information will also be included in the required published Election Notice.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the draft resolution. Thank you.

Gail