

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20376

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO CANCEL THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR CITY OF HELENA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DISTRICTS #2 THROUGH #7

WHEREAS, the City of Helena will hold a general election on November 7, 2017, for election of a Mayor, City Commissioners, and Neighborhood Council members; and

WHEREAS, each of the seven City of Helena Neighborhood Council Districts contain four total positions; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark Elections Administrator has advised the Helena City Clerk that the election for Neighborhood Council Districts #2 through #7 are uncontested with less than 4 candidates filing for each district; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 447 (Chapter 174, Laws 2017) authorizes a municipality to cancel a general election for the election of a municipal officer by resolution after notification by the election administrator that the number of candidates filing for election is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13-1-403, as amended by HB 83 (Chapter 242, Laws 2017), provides that a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate must be filed with the election administrator by 5:00 o'clock p.m. on the 65th day before the date of the election, or September 5, 2017;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA:

Section 1. That it is the intention of the Helena City Commission to cancel the general election for members of the City of Helena of Neighborhood Council Districts #2 through #7 if those seats remain uncontested as of September 5, 2017.

Section 2. If one or more eligible persons files a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate and creates a contest for one or more of the City of Helena Neighborhood Council Districts set forth above, the City of Helena will hold the 2017 general election for those positions.

Section 3. The Helena City Commission will hold a public hearing on this matter in the Commission Chambers at 316 North Park Avenue in Helena, Montana, at **6:00 P.M. on the 11th day of September, 2017**, at which time and place the said Commission will hear objections to the final adoption of a resolution cancelling the general election for members of the City of Helena of Neighborhood Council Districts #2 through #7.

Section 4. Notice of the above-referenced public hearing and passage of this resolution of intention shall be given by publication as required by § 7-1-4127, MCA, and the City Clerk is

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authorized and directed to make publication of this Resolution of Intention in the Independent Record, the official newspaper of the City of Helena.

PASSED AND EFFECTIVE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA, THIS 21st DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.

/S/ JAMES E. SMITH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ DEBBIE HAVENS
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION