

Resolution No. 1145

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Washougal providing for the submission to the voters of the City, at the regular municipal general election to be held therein on November 6, 2018, of a proposition of whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government; and requesting the Clark County Auditor to place the proposition on such general municipal election ballot.

WHEREAS, RCW Chapter 35A.06 authorizes a non-chartered code city to abandon its plan of government and reorganize under another plan of government, and to pass a resolution requesting that a proposition be submitted to the qualified voters within the City of whether the City should abandon its form of government and reorganize under another plan of government;

AND WHEREAS, a Citizens Government Advisory Committee was appointed by Mayor Molly Coston in March, 2018, and charged with the task of determining whether "this is the right time to look at the next step [Council-Manager form of government] in the professional management of the City of Washougal";

AND WHEREAS, the Committee received presentations and reviewed information regarding both the Mayor-Council and Council-Manager forms of government during several meetings;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee has unanimously recommended that the City Council place on the regular municipal general election to be held on November 6, 2018, the proposition to change the form of government of Washougal from Mayor-Council to Council-Manager, pursuant to Washington law;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council received the report of the Committee at its May 14, 2018, worksession and discussed the potential change in form of government;

AND WHEREAS, RCW 35A.06.040 authorizes the City Council to pass a resolution proposing abandonment by the city of the Mayor/Council form of government under which it is operating and adoption of the Council/Manager form;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the best interests and general welfare of the City would be served by submitting to the qualified voters in the City of Washougal, the proposition of whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council desires that the regular municipal general election to be held on November 6, 2018, include on the ballot for qualified voters of the City of Washougal, the proposition of whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government;

AND WHEREAS, if a change in form of government is approved by the voters, the chair of the council (Mayor) would be selected every two-years by the Council from its own membership, pursuant to state law;

AND WHEREAS, RCW 35A.13.033 provides for an alternative means of selecting a chair (Mayor); providing that the city council of a council-manager city may by resolution place before the voters of the city, a proposition to designate the person elected to council position one as the chair (Mayor) of the council;

AND WHEREAS, if a proposition to designate council position one as chair (Mayor) is approved, it would not affect the incumbent in council position one, rather, at the next election for council position one, it would be for chair (Mayor);

AND WHEREAS, the proposition to designate council position one as chair (Mayor) can only be submitted to voters if the form of government is changed to council-manager and cannot be submitted to voters at the same time as the proposition regarding the change in form of government and must be a separate and subsequent proposition;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that designating council position one as chair (Mayor) is preferable to the Council selecting the chair (Mayor) from its own membership;

AND WHEREAS, if the proposition to change the form of government to council-manager is approved it is the Council's intention to submit to voters a proposition to designate council position one as chair (Mayor);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON as follows:

Section I

In accordance with RCW 35A.06.040 and .050, RCW 29A.04.330 and other applicable state law, the City Council hereby requests and calls for the Clark County Auditor to include on the ballot for the next regular municipal general election to be held on November 6, 2018, in the City of Washougal for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Washougal the proposition of whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government.

Section II

It is the intent of the City Council, that if the proposition of whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government is approved, to place on a future general election ballot a subsequent proposition to designate council position one as chair (Mayor).

Section III

The proposition to be submitted at the election shall be in the form of a ballot title prepared by the City Attorney to read as follows:

PROPOSITION

**ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL/MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT
WITHIN THE CITY OF WASHOUGAL**

Shall the City of Washougal adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government? The adoption of the Council/Manager form of government would not affect the City's eligibility to be governed under Title 35A of the Revised Code of Washington.

FOR ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL/MANAGER
FORM OF GOVERNMENT

AGAINST ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL/MANAGER

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Section IV

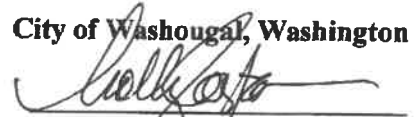
The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor.

Section V

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Washougal on the 29th day of **May, 2018**.

City of Washougal, Washington



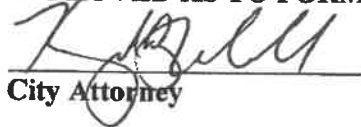
Mayor, Molly Coston

ATTEST:



Finance Director/City Clerk

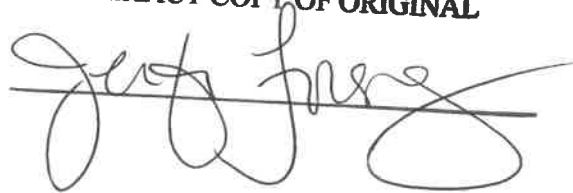
APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE

& EXACT COPY OF ORIGINAL



Resolution No. _____

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Washougal correcting Resolution No. 1145 regarding the description of the election to be held on November 6, 2018, and requesting that the Clark County Auditor make such corrections to Resolution 1145.

WHEREAS, the Council approved Resolution No. 1145, requesting that the Clark County Auditor include on the ballot for the election to be held on November 6, 2018, in the City of Washougal, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Washougal the proposition of whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government;

AND WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1145 inadvertently described the November 6, 2018 election as the “regular municipal general election” instead of the correct description of “special election to be held in conjunction with the general election;”

AND WHEREAS, the clear intent of the Council in approving Resolution No. 1145 was that the ballot measure be placed on the November 6, 2018 ballot;

AND WHEREAS, approval of this resolution will correct the description of the November 6, 2018 election on Resolution No. 1145.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON as follows:

Section I

That the phrase “next regular municipal general election” be replaced with the phrase “the special election to be held in conjunction with the general election” wherever such phrase exists in Resolution No. 1145.

Section II

The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor, and to request that the Auditor make such correction to the previously filed Resolution No. 1145.

Section III

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Washougal on the 27th day of **August, 2018**.

City of Washougal, Washington

Mayor, Molly Coston

ATTEST:

Finance Director/City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney