

RESOLUTION 10535

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREAT FALLS CITY COMMISSION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION TO DO SO.

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 9(2), of the Montana Constitution requires that each unit of local government shall conduct an election once every ten years to determine whether the local government will undertake a review procedure; and

WHEREAS, § 7-3-172, MCA, sets forth the purpose of the study commission is to study the existing form of a local government and procedures for delivery of local government services and compare them with other forms available under the laws of the state; and

WHEREAS, § 7-3-173, MCA, requires that the Great Falls City Commission, as the governing body of the local government, shall call for an election by resolution on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission; and

WHEREAS, § 7-3-174, MCA, sets forth that (1) an election on the question of establishing a study commission must be held in conjunction with the primary election held on the date established in § 13-1-107, MCA, [June 4, 2024]. If approved by the voters, (2) an election of study commission members must be held in conjunction with a general election held on the date established in § 13-1-104, MCA [November 5, 2024]; and

WHEREAS, § 7-3-175, MCA, sets forth the question of conducting a local government review and the establishment and funding of a local government study commission; and

WHEREAS, § 7-3-184(2)(a), MCA, sets forth that for the support of the study commission, for each year that the study commission is in existence, each local government shall appropriate an amount necessary to fund the study, and the local government may levy mills in excess of all other mill levies authorized by law to fund the appropriation for the support of the study commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, THAT:

1. The Great Falls City Commission hereby calls for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and electing a study commission to do so to be held at the primary election on June 4, 2024.
2. If the voters decide in favor of conducting a local government review, a study commission comprised of five (5) members shall be elected at the general election on November 5, 2024.
3. Section 7-3-175, MCA, requires the question of conducting a local government

review shall be submitted to the electors in substantially the following form:

Vote for one:

// FOR the review of the government of the City of Great Falls and the establishment and funding, not to exceed \$150,000 which is the equivalent to approximately 1.14 mills, of a local government study commission consisting of five (5) members to examine the government of the City of Falls and submit recommendations on the government.

// AGAINST the review of the government of the City of Falls and the establishment and funding, not to exceed \$150,000 which is the equivalent to approximately 1.14 mills, of a local government study commission consisting of five (5) members to examine the government of the City of Great Falls and submit recommendations on the government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to record Resolution 10535 with the Cascade County Clerk and Recorder and provide a copy of same to the Cascade County Election Administrator prior to the deadline of March 11, 2024 for governing bodies to call for a local government review study commission question to appear on the primary ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, on this 6th day February, 2024.

Cory Reeves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

David Dennis, City Attorney