

Resolution No. 1188

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Washougal providing for the submission to the voters of the City, at the special election to be held in conjunction with the general election to be held therein on November 3, 2020, a proposition of whether the City should designate Council position number one as the Chair; (Mayor) and requesting the Clark County Auditor to place the proposition on such special election to be held in conjunction with the general election ballot.

WHEREAS, in November 2018, Washougal voters approved a proposition to change the form of government of Washougal from Mayor-Council to Council-Manager, operating pursuant to Washington law; RCW Chapter 35A.13;

AND WHEREAS, under the Council-Manager form of government, the Chair of the Council (Mayor) is selected every two-years by the Council from its own membership, pursuant to state law; RCW Chapter 35A.13.030;

AND WHEREAS, RCW 35A.13.033 provides for an alternative means of selecting the 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, in the resolution placing the change in form of government proposition on the November 2018 ballot, the Council resolved that if the proposition to change the form of government to Council-Manager was approved it was the Council's intention to submit to voters a proposition to designate Council position one as Chair (Mayor);

AND WHEREAS, if a proposition to designate Council position one as Chair (Mayor) is approved, it would not immediately 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 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, 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 designate Council position number one as the Chair (Mayor);

AND WHEREAS, the City Council desires that the special election to be held in conjunction with the general election to be held therein on November 3, 2020, include on the ballot for qualified voters of the City of Washougal, the proposition of whether the City should designate Council position number one as the 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.13.033 and 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 special election to be held in conjunction with the general election to be held therein on November 3, 2020, 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 designate Council position number one as the Chair (Mayor).

Section II

The proposition to be submitted at the special election to be held in conjunction with the general election shall be in the form of a ballot title prepared by the City Attorney to read substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

DESIGNATION OF COUNCIL POSITION NUMBER ONE AS CHAIR WITHIN THE CITY OF WASHOUGAL

Shall the City of Washougal designate Council position number one as the Chair (Mayor)?

YES ____

NO ____

Section III

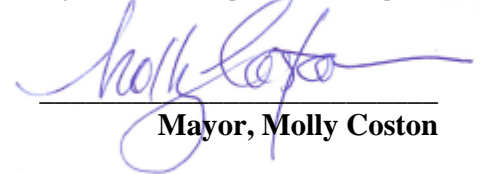
The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor.

Section IV

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 **13th** day of **July, 2020**.

City of Washougal, Washington



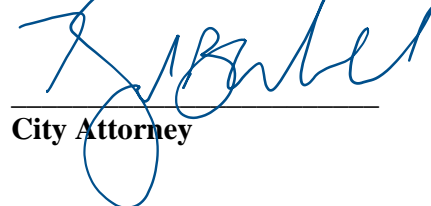
Mayor, Molly Coston

ATTEST:



Finance Director/City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney