

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO, PLACING AMENDMENTS OF THE CURRENT CITY CHARTER ON THE APRIL 2014 GENERAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Montrose (the "City") recognizes the extraordinary service done by Montrose, Colorado Charter Convention of the 1967; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the Convention members as follows: John E. Kreidler, Chairman, Lois D. Elicker, Secretary, W. Robert Schaeffer, Vice-Chairman, Charles E. Adams, Gerald L. Dome, Carl Q. Anderson, Dennis W. Morris, Marvin Gill, Donald E. Cashen, Terrance K. Carr, Marvin J. Johansen, Harland K. Duncan, L.F. Flower, Jr., C.U. O'Neill, Heber L. Musgrave, Donald W. Dalee, John F. Helmericks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that for forty-seven years the Charter that these citizens crafted has stood the test of time and has served the City well; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need to amend the Charter updating wording, procedures and to account for unforeseen technological changes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO THAT:

SECTION 1. There is hereby referred to the voters at the general election of April 1, 2014, Referred Measure "Charter of the City of Montrose, Colorado" the ballot title and text summary of which are as follows *(The complete revised Charter and a Red Lined version maybe viewed or download at the City's website.):*

The proposed 2014 Charter amendment changes all masculine only references to either gender. It updates "telephone" to "communication system" under Rights and Liabilities. It clarifies that a candidate for City Council may not have a felony conviction. It expands the list of City officials required to take an oath of office. It grants City Council ability to hold meetings in the City Council Chambers and will also allow for day meetings of Council. Amendments allow for the possibility that members may appear electronically and to recuse themselves, if necessary, from a vote to avoid any appearance of impropriety. Public comments would move to the first reading of the ordinance but also allow for comment at the second reading. Publication of ordinances will be by title only and would expand to include not only the newspaper but also the City's website. The budget process would have dates adjusted to meet modern accounting practices and transparency. Outdated financial terms are updated. Municipal Court and City Attorney sections are clarified as well as functions in the absence of the City Manager. Bonding of public officials is removed to utilize the more current practice of municipal insurance. Reference to a fire chief is removed. Initiative petitions will be placed before the electorate at the next scheduled municipal election and allow for clarification of the Charter through ordinance.

[] FOR THE MEASURE AND AMENDED CITY CHARTER

[] AGAINST THE MEASURE AND AMENDED CITY CHARTER

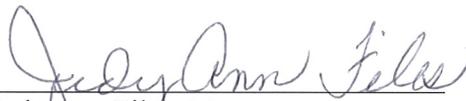
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said election shall be a general election with the County of Montrose administering the mail ballot election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution shall serve to set the ballot title and content of the CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO, as part of the ballot title. Any petition to contest the form or content of the ballot title may be filed with the City Clerk within five (5) days after the title of the ballot issue is set by the City Council. It shall be promptly resolved by the City Council, following notice and hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The City Clerk and City Manager are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate action with respect to the submission of Referred Measure "CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO" to the electors and the holding of the general election of April 1, 2014.

ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2014, by the Montrose City Council.

CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO



Judy Ann Files, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa DelPiccolo, City Clerk

