

RESOLUTION R2024-090
ADOPTING A RESOLUTION GOVERNING WRITE-IN VOTE COUNTING FOR
THE CITY OF SHAKOPEE, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, the City of Shakopee ("the City") regularly holds elections for local elective office(s); and

WHEREAS, voters at the elections may cast a ballot for a write-in candidate for a local elective office; and

WHEREAS, city and county election officials spend considerable time and resources to count and individually record write-in votes cast, many of which are frivolous; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Minnesota Legislature amended Minnesota Statute, Section 204B.09, subd. 3, authorizing the City to adopt a resolution governing the counting of write-in votes for local elective office; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 204B.09, subd. 3(b)(2), by adopting a resolution by the City may require that write-in votes for an individual candidate only be recorded if the total number of write-ins votes for the office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate; and

WHEREAS, a city that adopts a resolution must do so before the first day of filing for office; and

WHEREAS, to better administer the City's local elections for office the City Council desires to implement the authority provided in Minnesota Statute 204B.09, subd. 3(b)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAKOPEE, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS: Write-in votes for an individual candidate for local elective office shall only be individually recorded if the total number of write-in votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED pursuant to Minnesota Statute 204B.09, subd. 3, this resolution shall remain in effect until a subsequent resolution on the same subject is adopted by the City of Shakopee.

Adopted in regular session of the City Council of the City of Shakopee, Minnesota, held this 15th day of June 2021.

Mayor of the City of Shakopee

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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