

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON,
PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED
ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF KELSO AND TRANSMISSION TO
THE COWLITZ COUNTY AUDITOR FOR THE GENERAL
ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2016, A
PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT
RELATED TO COUNCILMEMBER VACANCIES.**

WHEREAS, based on concerns raised by councilmembers in prior years related to the City's Charter, the City Council formed a Charter Review Committee in April 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Committee met on April 26, May 2, May 16, May 23, and June 13, 2016 to take public comment and consider changes to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, at a special meeting of the City Council on June 28, 2016, the Charter Review Committee made its recommendations to amend the City Charter to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2016, the City Council considered the Charter Review Committee's recommendations to amend the City Charter and took public comment on the proposed changes and determined to submit four (4) ballot propositions to the voters of the City of Kelso; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the purposes of the original City Charter concerning councilmember attendance, and that the application of attendance requirements to special meetings has caused the unintended consequence of forfeiting office for illness or other acceptable cause of absence, and the desire to keep additional attendance requirements above those found in state law, but limited to regular meetings

only, the Charter Review Committee and City Council recommended this Charter Amendment amending councilmember attendance requirements.

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2016, the Council by a majority vote determined it advisable and in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Kelso to submit this resolution concerning councilmember vacancies;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO DO HEREBY RESOLVE:

Section 1. Proposition No. 2 Concerning Councilmember Vacancies. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Kelso at a General Election to be held on Tuesday the 8th day of November 2016, for their approval or rejection, a ballot proposition to amend Charter Sections 2.06(a) as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Upon approval of the voters of the proposition hereinafter set forth, the Charter shall be amended as proposed.

The Cowlitz County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to call and conduct such election and to submit to the qualified electors of the City for their approval or rejection, the proposed Charter amendments as set forth in Exhibit A. The City Clerk shall cause the proposed City Charter amendments to be published in the City's newspaper of record in the manner provided by law, and is further authorized and directed to certify the following proposition to the Cowlitz County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, in substantially the following form:

CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON

PROPOSITION NO. 2

**CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING
COUNCILMEMBER VACANCIES**

The City Council adopted Resolution ____ concerning City Charter amendments related to councilmember vacancies. If approved, this proposition would amend City Charter Section 2.06(a) to specify that vacancy of a councilmember's seat occurs upon failure to attend six regular meetings instead of any six regular and/or special meetings.

Should this proposition be:

APPROVED? ____
REJECTED? ____

Section 2. Minor Adjustments. The Mayor and City Attorney are authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as may be recommended by the Cowlitz County Elections as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and consistent with the intent of this Resolution as approved by the City Council.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution will take effect from and after its adoption as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2016.

MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATION:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT A

II. Text Amendment

2.06 Vacancies; Forfeiture of Office; Filing of Vacancies.

(a) Vacancies. The office of a council member shall become vacant upon the member's death, resignation, removal from office or forfeiture of office in any manner authorized by law; in addition, the office of a council member shall also become vacant if any council member fails to attend six scheduled regular ~~and/or special~~ meetings of the council during a calendar year unless on authorized City-related business, which shall be approved by a majority of the council. In the event that a duly elected council member elected by a district no longer resides within that respective district, said council member may serve as a council member until the next election, at which time the position shall be deemed vacant.