



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 ♦ FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

TO: MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: STACEY NELL, TOWN CLERK
RE: RESOLUTION 24-07: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF FRISCO TO CONDUCT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION, SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2, 2024, AS A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION
DATE: JANUARY 9, 2024

Summary and Background: The conduct of municipalities to conduct our elections by mail ballot has existed since 1991. Colorado counties went to conducting automatic mail ballot elections in 2012 under Title 1, C.R.S. In Colorado, voters enjoy the franchise of a mail ballot being mailed to them, instead of having to show up in person to vote on a machine or paper ballot in person. Research by the Colorado Secretary of State's Office has shown a significant increase of voter participation in mail ballot elections, versus in-person polling place elections.

Analysis: This Resolution also allows Town Council to provide the Town Clerk with key points of direction in conducting the election in addition to mail ballots: hiring of election judges, public noticing, and general conduct of the election.

Financial Impact: By preventing purchasing voting equipment alone, the Town saves over \$10,000 per Election cycle by conducting elections by mail ballot.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Woven throughout the [Strategic Plan](#), are statements that expect administrative functions like this Code Review to proceed, such as the Public Service Commitment to "Provide leadership, civility, efficiency, transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility to assure a thriving future for the Town of Frisco", as well as the first Strategic Objective "Quality Core Services" that commits Staff and Council to "providing timely and innovative core services...with professionalism". Maintaining compliance with our Charter, Code, and Statute to facilitate a fair, legal election - absolutely aligns with the Strategic Plan.

Staff Recommendation: As Town Clerk, and former Chief Deputy Clerk & Recorder for the County, I wholeheartedly recommend approval of this advantageous IGA for the Town. Hand counting ballots, although possible in the case of a technical obstacle, is a much more time consuming method of tabulating ballots, and could cause delays in the reporting of results.

Reviews and Approvals: This report has been reviewed and approved by:
Thad Renaud, Town Attorney
Tom Fisher, Town Manager

Attachments:
Attachment 1 – Resolution 24-07