

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

RESOLUTION No. 2018-77

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING INCLUSION IN THE MUNICIPAL ALTERNATE VOTING METHODS PILOT PROJECT

WHEREAS, in its 2018 General Session the Utah Legislature enacted HB 35 (“*HB 35*”) to make available a pilot project (the “*Pilot Project*”) for participation in alternate voting methods for municipal elections beginning 1 January 2019 and ending on 1 January 2026; and

WHEREAS, HB 35 allows municipalities to conduct nonpartisan races during any odd-numbered year that the Pilot Project is in effect using ranked choice voting (also called “instant runoff voting”) in accordance with the requirements of UTAH CODE ANN. Title 20A, Chapter 4 and all other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the Pilot Project, (a) a Utah city must provide written notice to the lieutenant governor before January 1st of the odd-numbered year stating that the city intends to participate in the Pilot Project for the year specified in the notice, and (b) that notice must include a document signed by the city’s election officer stating that the city has the resources and capability necessary to participate in the Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS, the city of Cottonwood Heights (the “*City*”) retains the Elections Division of the Salt Lake County Clerk’s office (the “*Administrator*”) to conduct the City’s municipal elections, whom the City believes has the resources and capability necessary to assist the City in participating in the Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated and expected that participation in the Pilot Project will not result in increased costs for election administration and voter education above those incurred in the current municipal election processes; and

WHEREAS, in any event, the City is informed that the Lieutenant Governor’s office has advised that the City may opt-out of participating in the Pilot Project at any time before 1 May 2019 if the City chooses for any reason to not participate in the Pilot Project, including a determination by the City that the Administrator is not able to certify election results in a multi-winner format or if excess election administration and voter education costs are incurred or anticipated which will not be covered by funding from the state of Utah; and

WHEREAS, the City’s governing body (the “*Council*”) met in regular session on 18 December 2018 to consider, among other things, whether to authorize the City’s participation in the Pilot Project so that its 2019 municipal elections would occur by ranked choice/instant runoff voting; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the Council believes that it will be in the best interest of the City and its residents to so act;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cottonwood Heights city council that the Council adopts ranked choice/instant runoff voting for its 2019 municipal elections, and that this resolution constitutes notice to the Lieutenant Governor to enter the City in the Pilot Project so that its 2019 municipal elections will occur by use of ranked choice/instant runoff voting; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED by the Cottonwood Heights city council that the Council's decision to approve this Resolution and give the notices provided herein is conditioned upon the City's right to opt-out of the Pilot Project at any time before 1 May 2019 if the Administrator of the election is not able to certify election results in a multi-winner format, or for any other reason; and be it


FURTHER RESOLVED that the City's manager, recorder and attorney are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to cause the City's 2019 municipal elections to be held in accordance with the ranked choice/instant runoff voting process.

This Resolution, assigned no. 2018-77, shall take effect immediately upon passage.

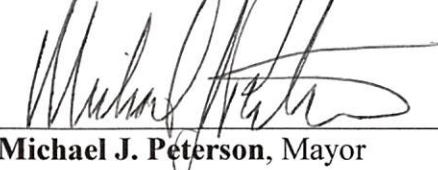
PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of December 2018.

ATTEST:

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

By: 
Paula Melgar, Recorder



By: 
Michael J. Peterson, Mayor

VOTING:

Michael J. Peterson	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
• Michael L. Shelton	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
J. Scott Bracken	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Tali C. Bruce	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
• Christine Watson Mikell	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>

DEPOSITED in the office of the City Recorder this 18th day of December 2018.

RECORDED this 18 day of December 2018.