

CITY OF THREE FORKS, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 457 -2025

A RESOLUTION CANCELLING THE CONTESTS FOR THE EXPIRED AND UNEXPIRED COUNCILMEMBER SEATS AND MAYOR SEAT IN THE 2025 GENERAL ELECTION AND REMOVING THESE RACES FROM THE BALLOT PURSUANT TO §13-1-403(4), MCA

WHEREAS, the City of Three Forks has three full-term Council seats and two unexpired-term Council seats up for election with terms beginning January 1, 2026. House Bill 207 in the 2025 69th Legislature moved the former filing deadlines up by 10 days for filed candidates and 24 days for write-in candidates.

WHEREAS, three people filed for the three full-term Council seats, one person filed for one of the unexpired-term Council seats, and one person filed for the Mayo seat by the statutory deadline of June 11, 2025.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §13-1-403(4), MCA, if the number of candidates filing for election is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, the governing body may cancel the election for those seats.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §13-1-403(4), MCA, the Gallatin County Election Administrator notified the City of Three Forks that no write-in candidates filed by the August 6, 2025, deadline.

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 13-1-403(5)(a), MCA, if the election is cancelled and there is only one candidate for a position, the governing body shall declare the candidate elected to the position by acclamation.

WHEREAS, the seats of the Councilmembers and Mayor are hereby uncontested races.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to §13-1-403(5)(a), MCA, the Three Forks City Council orders the Gallatin County Election Administrator to cancel the contests of the expired and unexpired Councilmembers and remove these races from the ballot for the November 2025 election. The Council declares the candidates for these seats (listed in the attached Exhibit A) elected to the position for which they filed by acclamation.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED any remaining open seats will be advertised by the City to be appointed by the Council pursuant to Section 2.09 of the City Charter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2025.

Randy Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal Turner, City Clerk