

ORDINANCE NO. 1099 (2019)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO REFERRING A QUESTION TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER CHANGING THE TIMING OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM APRIL OF ODD YEARS TO NOVEMBER OF EVEN YEARS; AND SETTING A BALLOT QUESTION FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019 COORDINATED ELECTION.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City General Election occurs every two years at which time the voters elect the Mayor to two year terms and open City Council seats based on four year terms, as well as any referred or initiated measures on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, the increasing complexity of the election process to comply with all legal requirements makes it more and more unlikely for the City to conduct its own elections without the involvement of the Moffat County Clerk with direction from the Colorado Secretary of State's office; including the fact that these elections are now conducted as mail-in elections and utilize the advanced equipment and operations in the conduct of the election and the counting and tabulation of the ballots, utilizing the expertise and equipment of the County Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, the costs of conducting the general City election in April are significant when the City election is conducted by the Moffat County Clerk on behalf of the City; whereas the costs of participating with other entities in the coordinated November election are significantly less; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Craig is of the opinion that the City Council should refer a ballot question to the registered electors residing within the City of Craig at the November 5, 2019 coordinated election concerning changing the Craig City Charter to move the general City election from the first Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday in November beginning November 2020 and each even year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of the ballot question if approved by the registered electors the City Council for the City of Craig will adopt an ordinance addressing the conduct of the first November election in 2020 as far as the terms of the Mayor and Council members with the change in the time of the general City election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG AS FOLLOWS:

1. The question concerning changing the Craig City Charter to move the general City election from the first Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday in November beginning November 2020 and each even year thereafter in the City of Craig is authorized for referral to the Craig City Clerk for inclusion on the ballot for the coordinated election

to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, which shall be submitted for approval by the registered electors in the City of Craig. The measure referred by this Ordinance shall automatically take effect upon certification of the City Clerk, or Moffat County Clerk, as may be necessary, that a majority of the registered electors voting at that election have approved the measure.

2. The ballot issue shall be substantially as follows:

BALLOT ISSUE (number to be determined):

SHALL THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2 BE AMENDED TO CHANGE THE GENERAL CITY ELECTION FROM THE FIRST TUESDAY OF APRIL ON ODD YEARS TO THE FIRST TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER ON EVEN YEARS BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER 2020 AND BIENNUALLY THEREAFTER?

YES _____ NO _____

3. The City Council may submit additional ballot issues or other measures to appear on the ballot of the regular election by the adoption of appropriate resolutions or ordinances as required by law.
4. Upon passage of the measure, the City staff shall addressing the conduct of the first November election as far as the terms of the Mayor and Council members with the change in the time of the general City election.
5. The officers and employees of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this ordinance. Upon approval on second reading, the City Clerk shall certify the ballot content to the Moffat County Clerk for inclusion on the ballot for the November 5, 2019 coordinated election.
6. If any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.
7. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after passage and upon publication of such ordinance after passage.
8. The City Council deems it appropriate to publish the title of this Ordinance, together with a summary of the Ordinance and with the statement that the text is available for public inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

READ, APPROVED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED ON FIRST READING THIS _____
DAY OF _____, 2019 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG,
COLORADO.

Jarrod Ogden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Liz White, City Clerk

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED AFTER HEARING ON SECOND READING THIS
_____ DAY OF _____, 2019 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CRAIG, COLORADO.

Jarrod Ogden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Liz White, City Clerk