

**BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF ADAIR VILLAGE, OREGON**

**In the Matter of Amending            )  
the City Charter of the                )  
City of Adair Village                 )**

**Resolution 2020 - 2**

WHEREAS, only the voters of the City of Adair Village can approve amendments to the Charter of the City of Adair Village; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to create wards and increase residency minimums within the City in order to provide equal representation in each geographical area of the City.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Adair Village that:

Section 1.     An election is called in and for the City of Adair Village for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of the City the following question.

Shall Adair Village adopt a Charter creating wards and increasing residency requirements for elected officials?

Section 2.     Tuesday, May 19, 2020, is designated as the date for holding the election on the question stated in Section 1.

Section 3.     The election will be conducted by the City of Adair Village Elections Official.

Section 4.     The precincts for the election shall include all territory within the City of Adair Village and no other territory.

Section 5.     The ballot title to appear on the ballot shall be:

**CAPTION:**

Adopts Revised Adair Village Charter

**QUESTION:**

Shall Adair Village amend its Charter creating wards and increasing residency requirements for elected officials?

**SUMMARY:**

This measure revises the Adair Village City Charter. The Charter serves as the City's Constitution that outlines the form, functions, responsibilities and authority of municipal government. Adair Village was incorporated in 1976. Its Charter was last revised in 2000. In late 2019, the Mayor and City Council asked the City Attorney and City Administrator to review existing Charter language for compliance with current Oregon laws. Additionally, staff was asked to provide a process for creating wards within the City and increasing the residency requirements for elected officials to mirror state law.

- Section 6. The Adair Village City Council adopts the Explanatory Statement for the Voters' Pamphlet attached as Exhibit A.
- Section 7. The City Clerk and staff shall take all necessary steps to effectuate this resolution, including providing public notice and submitting required materials to the County Elections Officer. If the measure is approved, the City will act consistently with the ballot title and explanatory statement.

DATED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.



Mayor



City Administrator

## EXHIBIT A

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The measure, if approved, would amend the Charter of the City of Adair Village. The City Charter establishes the structure of City government and defines the powers and responsibilities of the City Council and City Officers. The provisions of the Charter can be amended, but only with the approval of a valid measure by the City's voters at an election.

The proposed measure up for voter consideration would create four separate wards within the City limits based on equal population as can be conveniently provided. The territory comprising each ward would be contiguous. The boundaries will be established and changed by ordinance. The boundaries shall be changed whenever the population in any ward, as determined by the last preceding national census of the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce, exceeds the population in any other ward by more than 10 percent. The boundaries may be changed to include territory that has been annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds the population in another ward by more than 10 percent as determined by any measure that is found reliable by the City Council. Each ward will be represented by one councilor residing in that ward. The mayor may reside in any ward. At the time of enactment, any then sitting councilor shall be able to retain their position regardless of their ward until they are defeated in an election, resign or fail to run for re-election.

If passed, this measure would also increase the residency requirement for a person to hold elective office from 180 days to 365 days. This would put the City in line with Oregon Revised Statutes regarding eligibility to hold a county elective office.

If approved, the measure would take effect on July 1, 2020.