

RESOLUTION NO. 26-014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS, WASHINGTON Providing for the submission to the voters of the City, at the special election to be held on February 9, 2027, of a proposition whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government; and requesting the Clark County Auditor to conduct that election on February 9, 2027.

WHEREAS, RCW Chapter 35A.06 authorizes a non-charter code city such as Camas to abandon its plan of government and reorganize under another plan of government, and to pass a resolution requesting that a proposition be submitted to the qualified voters within the City whether the City should abandon its current form of government and reorganize under another plan of government; and

WHEREAS, the City Council had determined that the best interests and general welfare of the City would be served by submitting to the qualified voters in the City the proposition whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camas has operated under its current form of government for more than six consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.06.050 requires that the issue be voted on at the next general municipal election after passage of this Resolution or at a special election held prior to the general election in accordance with the adopted Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the matter should be submitted to the voters at the February 9, 2027 special election; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.06.040 allows a City considering a change in form of government to designate an effective date for such change in the ballot proposition; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that the proposition be considered at the special election in the City to be held on February 9, 2027 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City the proposition whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government, with an effective date of January 1, 2028;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS, WASHINGTON DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In accordance with RCW 35A.06.040 and .050, RCW 29A.04.330 and other applicable state law, the City Council of the City of Camas hereby requests and calls for the Clark County Auditor to conduct and hold an election on February 9, 2027 in the City of Camas for the purposes of submitting to the qualified voters of the City the proposition whether the City should adopt the

Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government.

Section 2. The proposition to be submitted at the special election on February 9, 2027 shall be substantially in the form of a ballot title prepared by the City Attorney and to read as follows:

CITY OF CAMAS
PROPOSITION NO. 1

ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The City Council for Camas adopted Resolution No. 26-014 concerning a change to the City's form of government.

The proposition would abandon the current mayor-council form of government under Chapter 35A.12 RCW and adopt the council-manager form of government under Chapters 35A.06 and 35A.13 RCW, effective January 1, 2028. Said adoption would not affect the City's continuing status as a Code City governed under Title 35A RCW.

Should the proposition be approved?

Yes ☐

No ☐

The City Attorney is authorized and directed to make such revisions in the statement of the Proposition as required by the Clark County Auditor and the Prosecuting Attorney for Clark County.

Section 3. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with Clark County Auditor on or before December 11, 2026.

Section 4. The City Attorney is authorized to take such additional steps required to cause the election on the proposition to occur.

Section 5. If a majority of the votes cast at the election favor changing to the council-manager plan of government, the City shall timely reorganize under the council-manager plan of government to allow an effective date of January 1, 2028 and the City shall thereafter be governed by such plan.

Section 6. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Camas and approved by the Mayor this
5th day of October, 2026.

SIGNED: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

APPROVED as to
form:

City Attorney