



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA SECTION	CONSENT
MEETING DATE	JULY 13, 2026

ITEM:	Approve Resolution 2026-47, Designating Election Judges and Election Judge Salaries for August 11, 2026, State Primary Election.		
Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager			
DEPARTMENT: Administration		BY/DATE: Sara Ion / July 7, 2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: (please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)			
☐ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		☐ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
☐ High Quality Public Spaces		☐ Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
☒ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		☒ Inclusive and Connected Community	

BACKGROUND

Section 30 of the Columbia Heights City Charter requires the City Council (Council) to appoint at least three qualified voters to be Election Judges (or a number determined by the City Clerk) to each of the City's polling locations for all elections.

Each polling location is supervised by the Head Judge and supported by an Assistant Head Judge. All Election Judges complete two hours of required training online and are afforded in-person and hands-on training opportunities with the City's elections equipment if needed. Head Judges are required to undergo an additional two hours of training, and Assistant Head Judges are offered the same training

SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS

For 2026 Election Judges will be paid \$15.00 per hour, Assistant Head Judges \$16.00 per hour, and Head Judges \$17.00 per hour. Judges are requested to start work at 6:00 a.m. to begin setting up the polling locations, some accommodation can be made for half-day shifts upon request. Precincts are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Judges work through the close of polls, often past 9:00 p.m. Election Judges are assigned different roles, these can include Greeter Judge, Registration Judge, Ballot Judge, and Technology Judge.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council approve Resolution 2026-47

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2026-47, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution 2026-47, designating elections judges and setting election judge salaries for the 2026 State of Minnesota Primary.

ATTACHMENT(S)
Resolution 2026-47