

RESOLUTION NO. 22-1485

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, ORDERING QUESTIONS BE SUBMITTED WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF DOUGLAS CHARTER, WHICH SHALL BE VOTED UPON BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS AT THE SPECIAL CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 17, 2022, AND PROVIDING DIRECTION AND AUTHORIZATION RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Douglas Charter was approved by the qualified electors of the City of Douglas on May 18, 1982, and amended on March 10, 1998, May 17, 2005, May 17, 2011, and May 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 8 of the City Charter requires the Mayor and Council to appoint a citizens committee to review the City Charter and recommend proposed Charter revisions if any changes are deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statutes §19-143 requires all charter amendments be referred to the voters of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Douglas Charter Review Committee has made recommendations to the City Council for changes to the City of Douglas Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is referring the Committee's amendments recommendations and the Council's amendments to remove the term limits for the Mayor and Council members to the voters for approval through this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. A Special Election of the qualified electors of the City of Douglas is hereby called to be held on May 17, 2022 (hereinafter referred to as the "Election") at which there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City questions amending the City of Douglas Charter.

Section 2. The proposed amendments to the City of Douglas Charter in legislative format are attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Section 3. The official ballot language for the Election shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

Section 4. Voters have until April 18, 2022 to register to vote or change information on their voter registration for the Election.

Section 5. Arguments for or against the proposed charter amendments must be accompanied by a payment of \$200 at the time of filing, be no more than 300 words in length, must conform to other legal requirements; and must be received by the City Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. February 16, 2022. The City Clerk's Office is located at 425 Tenth Street, Douglas, Arizona 85607.

Section 6. The City Clerk is directed to publish this Resolution at least twice in a newspaper not less than one week apart during the six calendar weeks preceding ninety days before the Election.

1 **Section 7.** The Election shall be held, conducted and canvassed in conformity with the provisions
2 of the general election laws of the State of Arizona, except as otherwise provided by law, and
3 only such persons shall be permitted to vote at the Election who are qualified electors of the City.

4 **Section 8.** All expenditures as may be necessary to order, notice, hold and administer the Election
5 are hereby authorized, which expenditures shall be paid from current operating funds of the City.

6 **Section 9.** The City Clerk is hereby further authorized to take all other necessary action to facilitate
7 the Election.

8 **Section 10.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any contracts or agreements
9 needed to facilitate the Election.

10 **Section 11.** The City Attorney is authorized to make non-substantive changes to the Resolution or
11 Exhibits needed to give effect to the referral of the offered amendments.

12 **Section 12.** This Resolution shall become effective upon approval of the City Council.

13 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Arizona, this 2nd day of
14 February, 2022.

15 _____
16 Donald C. Huish, Mayor

17 Attest:

18 Approved as to form:

19 _____
20 Alma Andrade, City Clerk

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22 Denis Fitzgibbons, City Attorney

23 Prepared by:
24 Nick Cook, City Attorney