



**FRUITA**  
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## AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**TO:** FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR  
**FROM:** MARGARET SELL, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK  
**DATE:** JANUARY 24, 2022  
**AGENDA TEXT:** ELECTION UPDATE

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### BACKGROUND

#### PETITIONS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL POSITIONS.

As of January 20, 2022, the City Clerk's office has distributed 1 petition for Mayor and 14 petitions for City Council for the upcoming April 5, 2022 election. One petition has been submitted for the Mayor's seat and four petitions have been submitted for the Council seats. Nomination petitions must be filed with the Clerk's office by January 24 at 5:00 p.m. I will give an update at the workshop on the final number of submitted petitions.

#### ELECTION COMMISSION

Section 6.03.02 of the Fruita City Charter sets forth requirements for the appointment of an Election Commission by the Mayor. The Election Commission shall consist of the City Clerk who shall be Chairman and two other members at large. At large members shall not be city officers, employees, candidates or nominees for elective city office. These two (2) members shall be appointed by the Mayor for a term of two (2) years.

Powers and duties of the Election Commission include the following:

- Establish precincts
- Appoint Election Judges and Clerks for each Precinct
- Adopt reasonable rules and regulations not in conflict with the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Colorado, this Charter, and ordinances of the City of Fruita.
- In the event of a tie vote, the Election Commission shall determine by lot the person or persons who shall be elected.

This appointment is tentatively scheduled for the February 15, 2022 City Council meeting. Please let the Mayor know if you have any potential individuals who might be interested in serving on this Commission.

#### TABULATION OF BALLOTS

The City of Fruita and Town of Palisade are combining resources for tabulation of ballots on election night similar to the April 2020 election.