

Councilor introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-

A RESOLUTION GOVERNING WRITE-IN VOTE COUNTING

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 204B.09, subd. 3 authorizes a city to adopt a resolution governing the counting of write-in votes; and

WHEREAS, a city that adopts a resolution must do so before the first day of filing for office and must notify the county auditor; and

WHEREAS, city election officials spend considerable time and resources to count and individually record write-in votes cast, many of which are frivolous; and

WHEREAS, in order to save city time and resources, it is in the best interest of the City of Grand Rapids, to enforce restrictions on the counting of write-in votes consistent with the provisions of Minnesota Statute 204B.09, subd. 3.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Grand Rapids, Itasca County, Minnesota that votes for write-in candidates will only be individually recorded if the total number of write-in votes for an office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate for that office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Statute 204B.09, subd. 3, the City Clerk is hereby directed to notify the County Auditor before the first day of filing for office of the adoption of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Statute 204B.09, subd. 3, this resolution shall remain in effect until a subsequent resolution on the same subject is adopted by the City of Grand Rapids.

Adopted this 22nd day of June 2026.

Tasha Connelly, Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk

Councilor seconded the foregoing resolution and the following voted in favor thereof: ; and the following voted against same: None, whereby the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.