ORDINANCE NO. 2385

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V "INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM" OF CHAPTER 33 OF THE HERMISTON MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, Article V of Chapter 33 of the Hermiston Municipal Code is titled Initiative and Referendum; and

WHEREAS, §33.60 of the Hermiston Municipal Code provides that, except as provided in Chapter 33, the general laws of the state concerning initiative and referendum apply to any initiative or referendum of a city measure; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 33 further establishes filing deadlines for initiative petitions but nothing regarding who may file an initiative or referendum of a city measure; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to define the qualifications of a petitioner to file an initiative petition or referendum of a city measure; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that requiring a person filing an initiative or referendum for a city measure to be a resident of the City of Hermiston promotes local accountability and is in the best interest of the City. Now therefore,

THE CITY OF HERMISTON ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

(New language is in red and underlined and repealed language has ~~a line through it~~.)

Section 1. Article V of Chapter 33 of the Hermiston Municipal Code is amended as follows:

ARTICLE V INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

§ 33.60 ADOPTION OF STATE LAW.

Except as provided in this chapter, the general laws and administrative rules of the state concerning initiative and referendum shall apply to any initiative or referendum of a city measure.

§ 33.61 FILING DEADLINE FOR INITIATIVE PETITIONS.

The date the first signature of an initiative petition is affixed shall be no later than 90 days after the issuance of the ballot title for the measure, and the initiative petition shall be filed with the City Recorder for certification and approval no later than 180 days after the date the first signature on the petition has been affixed.

§ 33.62 CHIEF PETITIONERS FOR INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM TO BE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HERMISTON

No petition for initiative or referendum filed with the city shall be valid unless all Chief Petitioners are qualified electors under state law and reside within the city at the time of filing

and remain qualified electors and a resident of the city through the entire initiative or referendum process, including the election.

Section 2. All other provisions of the Hermiston Municipal Code remain unchanged and in full effect.

Section 3. The City Recorder is hereby authorized to correct any scrivener's errors and to conform the revisions to the Hermiston Municipal Code with appropriate numbering.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Common Council this 26th day of October 2026.

SIGNED by the Mayor this 26th day of October 2026.

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Doug Primmer, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Heather KP La Beau, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER