

RESOLUTION 26-001

**RESOLUTION GOVERNING WRITE-IN VOTE COUNTING FOR THE CITY OF MARSHALL,
DESIGNATING UNIFORM ELECTIONS DATES, AND AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION
JUDGES**

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Marshall designates the following dates as Uniform Election Dates for 2026; Second Tuesday in February, Second Tuesday in April, Second Tuesday in May, Second Tuesday in August, and the First Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

WHEREAS, the City of Marshall has scheduled elections for the Primary Election on August 11, 2026, and the General Election on November 3, 2026, but may call for a special election conforming to the City Charter and the uniform elections dates for 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Marshall, County of Lyon, and State of 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 the judges for a special election, Primary Election and General Election, be appointed as per M.S. 204.B.22;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and hereby is directed and authorized to appoint the necessary election judges, M.S. 204.B.21, Subd. 2, and purchase the necessary supplies as needed for these elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 Marshall.

This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and without further publication.

Dated this 13th day of January 2026.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor