

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCCLEARY, GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY, WASHINGTON; CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSITION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE CITY SHOULD ABANDON THE MAYOR-COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND REORGANIZE UNDER THE COUNCIL-MANAGER PLAN OF GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 35A.13 RCW; AND REQUESTING THE GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY AUDITOR TO CONDUCT SAID SPECIAL ELECTION.

R E C I T A L S:

WHEREAS, numerous citizens and members of the McCleary City Council have expressed dissatisfaction with the Mayor-Council form of government and a desire for a professional manager to oversee the City's daily operations under the policy direction of the City Council as provided in RCW Chapter 35A.13; and

WHEREAS, the Council-Manager form of government, as provided in Chapter 35A.13 RCW, offers a model of professional administration and enhanced accountability by appointing a trained City Manager to implement the policies established by the elected Council; and

WHEREAS, 35A.06.040 authorizes the legislative body of a code city to submit to the voters a proposition to change its plan of government, including a change from the Mayor-Council to the Council-Manager form; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that submitting this question to the qualified voters of McCleary is in the best interest of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to hold a special election on the 10th day of February, 2026, to submit to the voters the proposition of whether the City of McCleary shall adopt the Council-Manager form of government and abandon the current Mayor-Council form;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCCLEARY, THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

SECTION 1: A special election is hereby called to be held on the 10th day of February, 2026, in accordance with state law, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of McCleary the following proposition:

**CITY OF MCCLEARY
PROPOSITION NO. 1
CHANGE OF FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

Shall the City of McCleary abandon its present Mayor-Council form of government and reorganize under the Council-Manager form of government, as provided in RCW Chapter 35A.13?

YES

NO

SECTION 2: The City Council requests that the Grays Harbor County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, call and conduct said special election in the manner provided by law and place the above proposition on the ballot for consideration by the voters within the City.

SECTION 3: The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Grays Harbor County Auditor no later than the deadline established for submission of ballot measures for the specified election date.

SECTION 4: If a majority of the votes cast at such election favor the Council-Manager plan of government, the City shall reorganize under the Council-Manager form as provided by RCW 35A.13.020, with the change taking effect in accordance with RCW 35A.06.050.

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SECTION 5: If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution.

PASSED this 24th day of September 2025, by the City Council of the City of McCleary, and signed in authentication thereof this 24th day of September 2025.

CITY OF McCLEARY:

Brycen Huff, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Jamie Vinyard, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Madison A. Pleasant, City Attorney

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