

**CITY OF STEVENSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-648**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEVENSON,  
WASHINGTON, DECLARING A VACANCY IN CITY COUNCIL POSITION NO. 4  
AND ESTABLISHING A PROCESS TO FILL SAID VACANCY**

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember No. 4, Mr. Patrick Rice, submitted a written resignation from the City Council of the City of Stevenson effective February 28, 2026, thereby creating a vacancy in City Council Position No. 4; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stevenson is a non-charter code city under the Revised Code of Washington (“RCW”), and Council vacancies for code cities are governed by RCW 35A.12.050 and Chapter 42.12 RCW; and

**WHEREAS**, under RCW 42.12.070, the remaining members of the governing body shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacant position within 90 days of the occurrence of the vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 42.12.070 further provides that the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve until a successor is elected at the next election at which Council positions are normally elected, at which time the person elected shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term; and

**WHEREAS**, Council Position No. 4 on the City Council of Stevenson was last elected on November 7, 2023, with the current term expiring December 31, 2027, and the next regular municipal election for that position is scheduled in November 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stevenson City Council Rules of Procedure provide that Council shall conduct a process for public notice, application, interview, and appointment consistent with state law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON, as follows:**

**Section 1.**

The City Council acknowledges and declares that a vacancy exists in City Council Position No. 4 effective February 28, 2026, resulting from the resignation of Councilmember Patrick Rice, who was elected on November 7, 2023, for a term expiring December 31, 2027.

**Section 2.**

Pursuant to RCW 35A.12.050 and RCW 42.12.070, the Stevenson City Council shall initiate a process to fill the vacancy by appointment within 90 days of the vacancy occurrence.

**Section 3.**

The City Clerk is authorized to:

- a) Publish notice of the vacancy pursuant to the Stevenson City Council Rules of Procedure and applicable state law;
- b) Accept and retain applications from qualified persons interested in appointment to the vacant position;
- c) Provide Councilmembers with all timely and properly submitted applications; and
- d) Schedule interviews and public consideration of applicants at Regular or Special meetings of the City Council consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30 RCW).

**Section 4.**

The City Council shall interview applicants and select an appointee by majority vote of the remaining Councilmembers in accordance with Stevenson’s adopted procedures. The appointee shall take the oath of office and assume the duties of City Council Position No. 4 upon appointment and qualification.

**Section 5.**

The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve until a successor is elected at the November 2027 municipal election — the next regular election at which Council positions are normally elected — and the elected successor is certified and assumes office, and shall then serve the remainder of the unexpired term through December 31, 2027, and thereafter as provided by law.

**Section 6.**

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Stevenson this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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Jenny Taylor, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk of City of Stevenson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Robert C. Muth, City Attorney