



RESOLUTION TO PETITION THE WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION TO USE PAPER BALLOTS IN FEBRUARY 15, 2022 SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION

WHEREAS, a Spring Primary Election is required for the Manitowoc Public School District School Board race; and

WHEREAS, the Two Rivers City Clerk and the Manitowoc County Clerk believe that it would be desirable for the City of Two Rivers to use paper ballots for the February 15, 2022 primary election, as the cost of programming the voting machines for that primary will be significant and voter turnout is expected to be low; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.40(5m) of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that the governing body of a municipality may petition the Wisconsin Election Commission for permission to use paper ballots and voting booths for a specific election and the Wisconsin Elections Commission is authorized by that statute to grant such a request; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is appropriate that paper ballots be used in the February 15, 2022 Spring as a cost-saving measure, and that the use of hand counted paper ballots will not impair the voting rights of any person choosing to vote in the Spring Primary and will not unduly burden those who will be involved in counting votes and assuring the Spring Primary is appropriately conducted in accordance with the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin as follows:

1. That the City Council hereby petitions the Wisconsin Election Commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 5.40(5m) to grant permission to the City of Two Rivers to use paper ballots and voting booths for the February 15, 2022 Spring Primary, for the reasons stated above;

2. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to communicate this petition to the Wisconsin Elections Commission and to provide it with a copy of this Resolution, or a certified copy of the Resolution if required by the Commission, and take such other steps as are necessary to assure that the City of Two Rivers will hold the February 15, 2022 Spring Primary through the use of paper ballots and voting booths, if permission for the same is granted by the Wisconsin Elections Commission;

Approved this 17th day of January, 2022 by the City Council of the City of Two Rivers.

Councilmember

Gregory E. Buckley
City Manager