City Council Item

June 24, 2024



Item	Resolution 2024-XX: Appoint Election Judges for State Primary and General Elections and Approve Rates of Pay	
File No.		Item No: E.19
Agenda Section	CONSENT AGENDA	
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SUGGESTED ACTION

"The Chanhassen City Council adopts a resolution appointing election judges for the 2024 State Primary and General Elections and establishing their rates of pay."

Motion Type	Simple Majority Vote of members present	
Strategic Priority	N/A	

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

DISCUSSION

State law requires that the City Council adopt a resolution appointing judges for the upcoming elections and establishing their rates of pay. Attached please find a list of people who have agreed to serve in the upcoming State Primary Election on August 13 and the General Election on November 5. Per Minnesota Statute 204B.21, this list was compiled using names submitted by the political parties, and those who have served in the past. Staff received a list of names from the Republican Party and contacted all of them requesting they review the election judge duties and qualifications and apply if they were still interested. More applications were received than needed to staff all the precincts while

still maintaining party balance as required by law. The resolution allows staff some flexibility to recruit more judges if needed.

The City Council must also establish the rates of pay for the judges. Per Minnesota Statute 204B.31, election judges shall receive at least the prevailing Minnesota minimum wage for each hour spent carrying out their duties at the polling places and in attending training sessions. The current Minnesota Minimum Wage is \$10.85 per hour. On January 22, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution 2024-06 appointing election judges to the 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary Election on March 5, 2024, and establishing the 2024 rates of pay as shown in the table below. Staff recommends continuing to use the rates of pay established by Resolution 2024-06 for the remaining elections in 2024.

Position	2022 Wage	2024 Wage
Head Judge	\$14.00	\$16.00
Assistant Head Judge	\$13.00	\$15.00
Election Judge	\$12.00	\$14.00
Student Judge	\$12.00	\$14.00

BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution appointing election judges for the 2024 State Primary and General Elections and set the rates of pay as noted above.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution