

RESOLUTION #2020-48

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARDS

PURPOSE AND FINDING: As the council is aware, with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, many citizens are opting to use the absentee voter option for the upcoming election. The Clerk's Office anticipates that due to the health crisis, coupled with the fact that 2020 is a presidential election year, the City will receive an unprecedented number of absentee ballots. As a result, it is necessary for the City to establish absent voter counting boards to ensure all ballots are timely counted and reported to the City and County Clerks. Approval is recommended.

Council Member Williamson moved, supported by Council Member Clark, to approve the following resolution

WHEREAS, Section 168.765a of the Michigan Election Law, Public Act 116 of 1954, as amended, states that a city may decide to use absent voter counting boards, and;

WHEREAS, if a city decides to use absent voter counting boards, the board of election commissions for the city must establish an absent voter counting board for each election day precinct in that city; and

WHEREAS, the board of election commissioners must appoint the election inspectors to those absent voter counting boards not less than twenty-one (21) days or more than forty (40) days before the election at which they are to be used;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albion City Council does hereby authorize and require the establishment and appointment of absent voter counting boards by the City of Albion Election Commission under the terms of, and with the responsibilities dictated by, Michigan Election law. Said requirement shall remain in effect unless or until the Albion City Council adopts a Resolution determining otherwise;

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted on September 21, 2020 in a regular session of the Albion City Council, and this is a true copy of that resolution.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Absent 0



Jill Domingo, Clerk

September 21, 2020