



CITY OF EVANS | 2016 BALLOT QUESTIONS

There are three questions proposing to amend the City's Home Rule Charter that have been supported and referred to the voters by the Evans City Council. Voters may vote "Yes/For" or "No/Against" in response to the following measures:

Ballot Question 2A-City of Evans

Shall the City of Evans Home Rule Charter be amended to make the language of the Charter gender neutral and include labels for each subsection?

Background. There are inconsistencies throughout the Home Rule Charter where some subsections are labeled and other are not. Additional inconsistencies exist related to gender neutrality. For example, when Chapter 12 concerning zoning was amended, changes were made to make this section gender neutral. Other sections have not been amended to reflect gender neutrality. Approving Question 2A would organize the Home Rule Charter by making each section uniform with labels for each sub-subsection and gender neutral language.

Ballot Question 2B-City of Evans

Shall Section 3.14, Special Meetings, be amended to allow special meetings of the Council to be called by the City Clerk by electronic correspondence, by telephone, in writing served personally, or delivered to a Council Member's usual place of residence?

Background. Section 3.14 provides that a Special City Council meeting is called by the Clerk upon a written request of the Mayor or by any three members of City Council. Written notice to each City Council Member must be served personally to each Council Member at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at his usual place of residence. A special meeting can be held on shorter notice if all members of the Council are present or waive the notice requirement in writing. Approving Question 2B would allow for more modern means of notifying the City Council of a Special meeting on short notice by e-mail or telephone, with the option of providing written notice to a Council Member's residence remaining in the Charter.

Ballot Question 2C-City of Evans

Shall Section 7.10, Penalties for Violation of Ordinances, be amended to state that the fine for violating a City ordinance shall not exceed the amount allowed under state law?

Background. The state limitation on municipal court fines was raised in 2013, by House Bill 13-1060, from \$1,000 to \$2,650, and permitted inflationary adjustments on January 1st of each year. Section 7.10 of the Evans Home Rule Charter currently limits the amount that can be fined for violating a City Ordinance to one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Approving Question 2C would allow the Evans City Council to set the municipal court penalty for violating an Ordinance to an amount determined by the City Council up to, but not exceeding the maximum amount allowed under state law.

If you have any questions regarding the ballot questions, please contact the City Clerk at:
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