



ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOLALLA, OREGON CREATING A TEMPORARY DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY PROCESS FOR THE ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND MAKING THIS ACTION TEMPORARY

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a virus that can cause respiratory disease, with the potential for serious illness and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown issued Executive Order No. 20-12 enacted a public health law called "Stay Home, Save Lives" including restrictions of limitations on individual travel, social distancing requirements and enforcement measures for non-compliance; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County was permitted to enter into Phase I on Friday, May 22, 2020 and is uncertain as to timeline of entering Phases II and III, and

WHEREAS, the City desires to abide by the Governors orders and do what it can to protect the health and safety of its residents,

Now, Therefore, the City of Molalla does ordain as follows:

Section 1. The City Council makes the following Findings:

- A. The council must adopt an ordinance prescribing the manner for a person to be nominated to run for mayor or a council position (Resolution No. 2011-10)
- B. That because of the COVID-10 pandemic, the City Council finds that the temporary use of a Declaration of Candidacy process is better for the health of both City candidates and petition signers because under a Declaration of Candidacy process there is no legal requirement that a Nominating Petition be circulated.
- C. That by enactment of this Ordinance, it is the City Council's intention to temporarily change the nomination process for candidates for the General Election of 2020 only.
- D. This Ordinance will expire May 1, 2021 and that Chapter VII Elections, Section 29 will return to process.
- E. That candidates may circulate petition forms as original Charter states if they so choose.

Section 2. A person, having the qualifications as provided in the Molalla Charter, may be nominated as a candidate for a City of Molalla elective office by filing a Declaration of Candidacy with the Elections Officer (City Recorder) in substantially the following form:

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

I, _____, hereby declare myself as a candidate for the office of _____ to serve for the ensuing term and certify that I possess the necessary qualifications as described in the Molalla Charter.

Section 3. Effective date.

This is an emergency Ordinance therefore will be adopted immediately upon approval of City Council. VOTE: _____ Aye _____ Nay

Signed by the Mayor on June 10, 2020.

Keith Swigart, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christie DeSantis, City Recorder