

**CITY OF LAFAYETTE
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITY REGULATIONS RELATED TO COUNTING
OF WRITE-IN VOTES**

WHEREAS, current voting regulations require election workers to count and tabulate each write-in vote under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, counting of write-in votes is time consuming on election night and rarely, if ever, results in a winning candidate; and

WHEREAS, recent legislative changes have provided cities with options for how to deal with write-in votes; and

WHEREAS, the new State regulations provide the ability for cities to adopt a resolution requiring that either write-in candidates must submit a request in order to have their individual votes tallied, or write-in candidates will only have their individual votes tallied if the number of write-in votes for the contest is greater than or equal to the number of votes cast for a non-write-in candidate; and

WHEREAS, the second option is recommended for adoption for the City of Lafayette.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, MINNESOTA, THAT: the City of Lafayette's procedure for counting of write-in votes cast during a primary, special, or general election, unless otherwise required by State Statute, shall be as follows effective this 8th day of July, 2024

Write-in candidates will only have their individual votes tallied if the number of write-in votes for the contest is greater than or equal to the number of votes cast for a non-write-in candidate.

Adopted by the City Council of LAFAYETTE, Minnesota this 8th day of July 2024.

Sandra Peterson
Mayor

Attested: Sandy Burger City Clerk\Treasurer