



Memorandum

TO: Town Council

FROM: Finance Department

DATE: September 1, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 38, Series 2020

I. SUMMARY

The attached resolution will “call for a special election” on November 3rd and approve ballot language for that special election.

Following discussions on August 4 and August 18, Town Council directed staff to work with public opinion consultants from Magellan Strategies and Summit Information Services to conduct an online survey to probe opinions from Vail’s registered voters on a possible ballot question for the Nov. 3 General Election. Results from the online survey, which took place Aug. 24-27, will be presented during Tuesday’s meeting.

II. DISCUSSION

Pending the results of the survey on voter sentiment, does Council wish to move forward with a ballot question this fall?

Ballot Wording

The below ballot wording has been revised in coordination with Eagle County and Town of Avon for similar language. The following revised ballot language is included in Resolution 38, Series 2020 for approval this evening:

WITHOUT RAISING THE MILL LEVY FOR THE 2021 TAX COLLECTION YEAR, SHALL THE VAIL TOWN COUNCIL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ADJUST THE TOWN OF VAIL’S MILL LEVY RATE THEREAFTER AS NEEDED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING REVENUES THAT MAY OTHERWISE BE LOST AS A RESULT OF STATE IMPOSED REDUCTIONS IN THE RATIO OF ASSESSED PROPERTY TAX VALUATIONS SO THAT THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES GENERATED BY THE TOWN’S MILL LEVIES ARE THE SAME AS THE REVENUES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN GENERATED HAD THE STATE NOT IMPOSED SUCH

REDUCTIONS, IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE TOWN TO SUSTAIN SERVICES TO THE
VAIL COMMUNITY?

Yes ____ No ____

III. ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL

Approve Resolution 38, Series 2020 to call for a special election and submit ballot wording.

**RESOLUTION NO. 38
SERIES OF 2020**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VAIL TOWN COUNCIL CALLING A SPECIAL
ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AND SUBMITTING A BALLOT
ISSUE TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN AT THE
SPECIAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.3 of the Vail Home Rule Charter, a special municipal election may be called by resolution of the Council at least 30 days in advance of such election, and the resolution shall set forth the purpose or purposes of such election;

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to call a special election to be held on November 3, 2020 as part of the state general election to submit one or more ballot issues and questions to the registered electors of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement to coordinate the special election with Eagle County on August 18.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF VAIL:**

Section 1. A special election of the Town of Vail shall be held on November 3, 2020, which election shall be coordinated with Eagle County and governed by the Uniform Election Code. The purpose of the special election is to submit one or more ballot issues and questions to the registered electors of the Town. The Town Clerk is hereby designated as the Town's election official and is authorized to coordinate the election with Eagle County, including meeting applicable deadlines.

Section 2. The following ballot issue shall be submitted to the registered electors of the Town of Vail at the November 3, 2020 special election:

**WITHOUT RAISING THE MILL LEVY FOR THE 2021 TAX COLLECTION
YEAR, SHALL THE VAIL TOWN COUNCIL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO
ADJUST THE TOWN OF VAIL'S MILL LEVY RATE THEREAFTER AS NEEDED
FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING REVENUES THAT MAY
OTHERWISE BE LOST AS A RESULT OF STATE IMPOSED REDUCTIONS IN
THE RATIO OF ASSESSED PROPERTY TAX VALUATIONS SO THAT THE
ACTUAL TAX REVENUES GENERATED BY THE TOWN'S MILL LEVIES ARE
THE SAME AS THE REVENUES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN GENERATED
HAD THE STATE NOT IMPOSED SUCH REDUCTIONS, IN ORDER TO
ALLOW THE TOWN TO SUSTAIN SERVICES TO THE VAIL COMMUNITY?**

Yes ____ No ____

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st day of September 2020.

Dave Chapin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Nagel, Town Clerk