

TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS
RESOLUTION 2018-16

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FOUR BALLOT ITEMS FOR THE
NOVEMBER 6, 2018 SPECIAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, The Town of Green Mountain Falls Board of Trustees has put forth four ballot items for the November 6, 2018, coordinated election; and

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to express advocacy for passage of these four items; and

WHEREAS, the following information may be helpful for citizens in understanding the importance of these items;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Green Mountain Falls, Colorado:

1. BALLOT TITLE: Lodging Occupation Tax

BALLOT TEXT:

SHALL THE TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS TAXES BE INCREASED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$32,522.00) ANNUALLY IN 2019, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY THE ADOPTION OF A LODGING OCCUPATIONAL TAX OF UP TO \$4.50/DAY PER OCCUPIED ROOM, ON THE PROVISION OF HOTEL ROOMS AND OTHER SIMILAR ACCOMMODATIONS IN TOWN, AND SHALL THE TOWN BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND SPEND THE FULL PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX WITHOUT LIMITATION AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE EXPENDITURE OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

This occupational tax will replace the former lodging tax charged to lodging businesses, which has been repealed. This new structure brings the Town into compliance with current laws, and allows the Town to generate a comparable amount of revenue. If not passed, revenues will be reduced. This is not a tax increase.

2. In order to save money on the cost of publication, shall the Town elect not to publish in the newspaper its proceedings related to

payments of bills, contracts awarded and rebates allowed, with such information being reported publicly at least monthly as part of Board of Trustee meeting packets?

Passage of this question will allow the Town to continue its practice of providing the public with this information through the typical venues. The cost of publishing this list is unnecessarily burdensome.

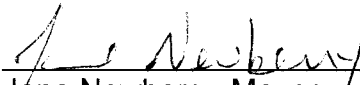
3. In order to save money on the cost of publication, shall Town ordinances, after they are adopted, be published in the newspaper by title only, with the full text of all such ordinances being made available for public review at Town Hall and, when possible, on the Town's website?

This item is also an issue of cost savings. Ordinances are available in a variety of ways. Publication by title gives the public a summary of the ordinance without the undue cost burden.

4. Shall the number of Town Trustees be reduced in number from six to four?

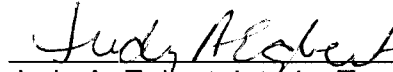
The Board has experienced multiple ongoing vacancies for an extended time period, with difficulty in finding interested persons to serve. A total of five Board members, four Trustees and one Mayor, gives an appropriate representation for a town of this size, and prevents the burden of constant recruiting for vacancies, which may result in multiple special elections.

Adopted this 19th day of September, 2018.



Jane Newberry, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST: 

Judy A. Egbert, Interim Town Clerk

