

NOTICE OF PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT

An Election will be held on Tuesday June 9, 2020 on the question of whether to amend Article 7, Departments, Offices, Agencies, and Commissions, of the Home Rule Charter of Cass County, North Dakota. The amendment would amend subsection 2 to of Article 7. The amendment would remove the requirement for Department Directors to reside within the county within 90 days from the time of appointment.

The Board County Commissioners, on the 16th day of March 2020, approved and adopted the following resolution proposing that the citizens of Cass County vote on whether to amend the Home Rule Charter of the County of Cass to amend subsection 2 of Article 7.

RESOLUTION #2020-___

REGARDING THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 7, SUBSECTION 2, OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF CASS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA.

WHEREAS, Cass County is home to a diverse and vibrant mix of rural and urban settings. The County is part of the Fargo, Moorhead, West Fargo metro area; and

WHEREAS, Cass County has a vested interest in recruiting and retaining the most qualified workforce, including Department Directors, regardless of residency; and

WHEREAS, There is no benefit to Cass County in restricting the housing options of Department Directors; and

WHEREAS, A Department Director’s place of residency has no bearing on their job performance; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Board of Commissioners, under its charter, may on its own motion submit any question to the electorate for a vote of the people and the electorate must approve that action by a majority vote of the electors voting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners hereby elects to proceed with a vote of the electorate at the next regularly scheduled election on amending Article 7, Subsection 2 to remove the requirement for Department Directors to reside within the county within 90 days from the time of appointment.

Shall the Cass County Home Rule Charter be amended to remove “Department Directors need not be residents of the county or state at the time of appointment but must reside within the county within 90 days from the time of appointment.” as provided in Resolution #2020-___ and in the Notice of Proposed Cass County Home Rule Charter Amendment as published in THE FORUM on the ___ day of _____, 2020.

SHALL SUCH AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

Yes 0

No 0

Dated at Fargo, North Dakota, this 16th day of March, 2020.

APPROVED:
Chad Peterson, Chairman

Cass County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Michael Montplaisir

Cass County Finance Director

Publish: _____