

City of Canton

Resolution #2026-07

A RESOLUTION GOVERNING WRITE-IN VOTE COUNTING

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statue 204B.09, subd. 3 authorizes a city to adopt a resolution governing the counting of write-in votes;

WHEREAS, a city that adopts a resolution must do so before the first day of filing for office and must notify the county auditor;

WHEREAS, city election officials spend considerable time and resources to count and individually record write-in votes cast, many of which are frivolous; and

WHEREAS, in order to save city time and resources, it is in the best interest of the City of Canton, to enforce restrictions on the counting of write-in votes consistent with the provisions of Minnesota Statue 204B.09, subd. 3.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Canton, Minnesota that:

Votes for write-in candidates will only be individually recorded if the total number of write-in votes for an office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate for that office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Statue 204B.09, subd. 3, the city clerk is hereby directed to notify the county auditor before the first day of filing for office of the adoption of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Statue 204B.09, subd. 3, this resolution shall remain in effect until a subsequent resolution on the same subject is adopted by the City of Canton.

Passed by the City Council of Canton, Minnesota this 8th day of April 2026.



Kristy Ziegler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Anne Koliha, City Clerk

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