

MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY

BYLAW NO. 01/25

MUNICIPAL ELECTION BYLAW

**Mountain View County
Province of Alberta**

Bylaw No. 01/25

**A BYLAW OF MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO PROVIDE FOR
REGULATIONS AND PROTOCOLS FOR CONDUCTING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTIONS
WITHIN THE COUNTY.**

SECTION 1 – AUTHORITY

- 1.01 The *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter M-26 Statutes of Alberta 2000, and amendments authorizes Council to pass Bylaws in relation to Conducting Municipal Elections and By-Elections;
- 1.02 The *Local Authorities Election Act*, Chapter L-21 Statutes of Alberta 2000, and amendments, authorizes Council to pass Bylaws in relation to enacting procedures and regulations in relation to conducting Municipal Elections and By-Elections;
- 1.03 This Bylaw may be cited as the “Municipal Election Bylaw”.
- 1.04 Mountain View County hereby enacts the following:

SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS

- 2.01 In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a. “**Act**” means the Local Authorities Election Act, Chapter L-21 Statutes of Alberta 2000, and amendments.
 - b. “**Nominee**” means a person who registers their name for the office of Councillor in Mountain View County.

SECTION 3– ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

- 3.01 This Bylaw shall apply to all Municipal Elections and By-Elections conducted by Mountain View County.
- 3.02 The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to enter into agreements to conduct, or partner in, elections on behalf of another jurisdiction.
- 3.03 The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to appoint a Returning Officer and Substitute Returning Officer, in accordance with the timelines laid out within the Act, for the purpose of conducting an election under this bylaw. In the event that the Chief Administrative Officer does not appoint a Returning Officer, they shall be deemed to be the Returning Officer. In the event that the Chief Administrative Officer appoints a Returning Officer, but does not appoint a Substitute Returning Officer, they shall be deemed to be the Substitute Returning Officer.

SECTION 4 – NOMINATION DEPOSIT

- 4.01 In accordance with Section 29 and 30 of the Act, every nomination for the Office of Councillor shall be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of \$200.00. The deposit shall be provided by a means allowable by the Act.

SECTION 5 – VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.01 The Returning Officer shall conduct, at minimum, one advance vote opportunity and may set additional date(s), time(s) and location(s) for additional advance vote opportunities if deemed appropriate.
- 5.02 The Returning Officer is authorized to provide for special ballots, the timelines associated with applying for and submitting special ballots, and determine which one, or more, methods that a person may apply for a special ballot:
- a. in writing;
 - b. telephone;
 - c. in person;
 - d. by email;
 - e. by secure website.
- 5.03 The Returning Officer is authorized to allow for the voting station to be opened prior to 10:00 am at their discretion.
- 5.04 The Returning Officer is authorized to, at their discretion, begin the count of any Special Ballot Boxes, Advance Ballot Boxes, or Institutional Ballot Boxes beginning at 7:30 pm on Election Day.

SECTION 6 – VOTING STATIONS

- 6.01 In accordance with Section 37(3) of the Act, the Returning Officer is hereby authorized to designate more than one voting station for each subdivision and the location of those voting stations for that election.

SECTION 7 – USE OF COUNTY RESOURCES, BRAND AND LOGO

- 7.01 Candidates must not use County resources, including property, equipment, services, supplies or staff time, for any election-related activities. The County's logo, branding or digital identity shall not be used by any Candidate for campaign purposes.

SECTION 8 - REPEAL OF BYLAW

- 8.01 Bylaw No 17/21 is hereby repealed.


SECTION 9 - EFFECTIVE DATE

9.01 This Bylaw shall come into effect at such time as it has received third (3rd) reading and has been signed in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*.

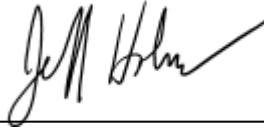
Read the first time this 5th day of February 2025.

Read the second time this 5th day of February 2025.

Read the third time this 26th day of February 2025.



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Chief Administrative Officer

March 10, 2025

Date of Signing