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Legislative Report

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Mailing Application for Absentee Ballots to all City of Racine Registered Voters

Whereas, on March 18, 2020, and April 9, 2020, the City of Racine proclaimed a public health emergency to exist in the City of Racine as a result of the threat of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVIC-19); and

Whereas, COVID-19 continues to spread the southeastern Wisconsin region, necessitating updated and more stringent guidance from federal, state, and local governments and public health officials has made assembling groups of any size a threat to public health; and

Whereas, protecting the health and safety of City of Racine residents and employees is of paramount importance; and

Whereas, the right to vote is one of the most sacred rights in a democracy, and a vital mission of the City of Racine is to provide essential services to the residents of the City of Racine, including the orderly conduct of the remaining 2020 elections; and

Whereas, to the greatest degree possible, and consistent with the requirements of the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin and all relevant provisions of Wisconsin statutes and administrative code provisions, it is vital that the City of Racine provide a full opportunity for all persons eligible to vote in the City of Racine who desire to vote in the remaining 2020 elections; and

Whereas, under the circumstances now existing, voting by mail clearly is the best way to ensure the safest and greatest possible voter participation.

Now therefore, it is Resolved that the City of Racine City Clerk is directed to mail an application for an absentee ballot, along with a postage-paid return envelope, to all City of Racine registered voters in time for them to participate in the August 11, 2020, Partisan Primary Election and the November 3, 2020, General and Presidential Election.

It is further Resolved that the City of Racine City Clerk is directed establish an estimated cost for project, explore funding sources both internal or external, including potential grants, and report to the Common Council funding options and, if required, seek Common Council approval for project funding.

It is further Resolved that the City of Racine City Clerk is authorized and directed to undertake any necessary actions to carry this Resolution into effect.

Fiscal Note: The City of Racine City Clerk is directed establish an estimated cost for project, explore funding sources both internal or external, including potential grants, and report to the Common Council funding options and, if required, ask the Common Council to approve funding the project.