

**City of Missoula, Montana
New Business Item**

Item: **Ward 2 Vacancy Appointment 2022**

Council Meeting Date: **September 26, 2022**

Sponsor(s): **Marty Rehbein, Legislative Services Director / City Clerk**

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Ward(s) Affected:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6 |
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Action Required:

Appoint a person to fill the Ward 2 vacancy created by Jordan Hess being appointed mayor.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council:

I nominate: _____.

Background and Alternatives Explored:

City Council member, Jordan Hess, has been appointed Mayor, and upon his swearing in for the Mayoral seat, a vacancy is created in ward 2. Under the City Charter and State law, City Council now has 30 days from the date the ward vacancy was created to appoint someone to serve until a successor is elected and qualified in the November 2023 general municipal election.

About the Position

The [City Council](#) is the policy making body of the City of Missoula.

In order to be eligible for the office, applicants must be:

a U.S. citizen,

a citizen of the State of Montana,

a resident in Ward 2 60 days prior to appointment ([Ward Map](#)),

a qualified elector registered and eligible to vote under state law, and

at least 18 years of age.

The position currently pays \$1,444.60 per month plus City benefits.

Timeline

September 14	Applications Open
September 22 @ noon	Applications Due
September 26	During the City Council meeting, under New Business, each Council member may select one applicant to interview. The interview order will be determined by random drawing of the candidate's names. The meeting begins at 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine St.
September 28	Interviews with Council's Committee of the Whole . Meeting time is yet to be determined
October 3	During the City Council meeting, under New Business, Council members will nominate and vote to select the new Ward 2 representative. The meeting begins at 6 p.m., 140 W. Pine St.

On or before October 14	Swearing in of appointee
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Appointment Process

- City Council makes the final decision about the appointment.
- [City Council Rule 32](#) sets forth the Council procedure for making this appointment.
- A majority vote of the Council members in office is required to select the new representative (6 votes)
- [Missoula City Charter](#)--Article VIII, Section 2
- Montana state law-- [7-4-4112](#) Filling of vacancy

Financial Implications:

n/a

Links to external websites:

[Ward 2 Appointment | Missoula, MT - Official Website](#)