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CITY COUNCIL SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR WARD 2 SEAT

Council to choose successor in November

The City of Missoula is taking applications to fill the Ward 2 position on the City Council being vacated by Ruth Ann Swaney. Ward 2 includes the Westside and Grant Creek neighborhoods and areas in the city limits that are west of North Russell Street. Please see the City Ward 2 Map for specific boundaries: [Ward 2 Boundary Map](#)

The time has expired to remove Swaney's name from the ballot for the upcoming City election in November. The time has also passed for anyone to file as a write-in candidate for the seat. So, by law, the City Council makes the decision about the appointment. The appointment will be only for the remainder of the current term, which expires on the first Monday in January 2020. A majority vote of the entire City Council membership is required for an applicant to be appointed. The term of office will begin upon the swearing in of the Council's appointee and end on the first Monday in January 2020. The position will be considered open for nomination and election with the 2019 City general election. The person elected in 2019 will serve a four-year term of office that will begin on the first Monday in January 2020.

The appointment process is as follows: At the Oct. 23, 2017, City Council meeting, each City Council member in attendance will be allowed to select one applicant for an interview. The order of the interviews will then be randomly determined by drawing candidate names during the same meeting.

Interviews will be conducted by the City Council's Committee of the Whole on Oct. 25on and Nov. 1 if necessary. Once City Council interviews of applicants have been completed, the Council will take action to select a Ward 2 representative at the Nov. 6 Council meeting.

A qualified applicant must be

- a U.S. citizen,
- a citizen of Montana,
- a resident of Ward 2 for 60 days before the appointment,
- a qualified elector registered and eligible to vote under state law, and
- at least 18 years of age.

The position pays \$1,249.23 per month plus City benefits. To apply for the position, candidates must complete an application form online on the City's website at [Ward 2 City Council Application](#) or pick up an application from the City Clerk Office, City Hall, 435 Ryman St., Missoula, MT 59802.

Applications must be received in the City Clerk Office on or before Friday, Oct. 20, at 10 a.m. Late applications cannot be accepted. For further information, contact Marty Rehbein, CMC, Legislative Services Director/City Clerk at 552-6078.

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