

**CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 20-

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROCESSING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS
14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE
2020 STATE PRIMARY AND STATE GENERAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, Chapter 77 (House File 3429), passed and signed into law during the 2020 Regular Legislative Session, provides special procedures for the safe and secure conduct of the 2020 State Primary and State General Election during the COVID-19 outbreak, of which includes:

Section. 1. Safe and Secure Conduct of 2020 State Primary and State General Elections; Special Procedures

Subdivision 2. Local Authority. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the Minnesota Election Law to the contrary, a county or municipality, by ordinance or resolution of its governing body, may:

(3) Extend the period during which absentee ballots are processed, to include no more than two days following the date of the election, along with any corresponding delay of the local canvassing dates necessary to accommodate the extension. This clause does not authorize a county or municipality to extend the deadlines for the timely receipt of absentee ballots as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.08. A county must report to the Secretary of State the number of absentee ballots remaining to be counted after the 24-hour period prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121, Subdivision 5, Paragraph (c). The report must be made as soon as practicable, but not more than four hours after that period ends. The Secretary of State must publish these data on the Secretary's website as soon as practicable, but not more than 24 hours after its receipt.

Subdivision 3. Processing of absentee ballots prior to election. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121 Subdivisions 3 and 4, the county auditor or municipal clerk, and the applicable ballot board, must begin processing absentee ballots 14 days prior to the date of the election. After the close of business on the 14th day before the election, a voter whose record indicates that an absentee ballot has been accepted must not be permitted to cast another ballot at that election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the West St. Paul City Council that the City of West St. Paul Absentee Ballot Board will begin processing absentee ballots for the 2020 State Primary and State General Election after the close of business on the 14th day before the 2020 State Primary and State General Election and up to two days following the 2020 State Primary and State General Election.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, this 27th day of July 2020.

Attest:

David J. Napier, Mayor

Shirley R Buecksler, City Clerk