

**TOWN OF CAREFREE, ARIZONA  
RESOLUTION 2024-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAREFREE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO CONDUCT THE JULY 30, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION AND NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION AND DO SO AS AN ALL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 16-409(A).**

**WHEREAS**, it is provided by law for the holding of a primary, and general election; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to House Bill 2785 affecting A.R.S. 16-204(E)(1) and (2), the 2024 Primary Election is set for the last Tuesday in July of even numbered years. The General Election is set for the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even numbered years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Primary Election in the Town of Carefree ("Primary Election") shall be held on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, for purpose of electing three Councilmembers, and to determine whether a General Election ("General Election") shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, to fill any elected offices that remain unfilled after the Primary Election; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 shall also put forth to the voters, an update to the Town of Carefree General Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the publication of the call and notice of the Primary Election and General Election shall be given, or caused to be given, by the Town Clerk, as provided by law, and as may be deemed necessary and appropriate in the Town Clerk's discretion to advise the public of the elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the returns of the Primary Election and the General Election shall be made to the Town Council, which shall meet not less than six (6) days nor more than twenty (20) days following the election to canvass the returns and certify the results, all as provided by law. If, at the time of the date set for the Council meeting, the returns from any polling place are found to be missing, the Town Clerk is authorized to postpone the meeting from day to day until all the returns are received, or until six postponements have been made; and

**WHEREAS**, Towns have the option, pursuant to A.R.S. 16-409(A) to conduct any elections with mail ballots on the approved consolidated election dates; and

**WHEREAS**, mail balloting yields higher voter participation; and

**WHEREAS**, that mail ballots delivered by the United States Postal Service remain secure and confidential; and

**WHEREAS**, to protect against voter fraud, the Maricopa County Recorder's Office electronically scans and personally matches every voter signature affixed to each returned ballot envelope against the voter's signature on file from his or her voter registration form; and

**WHEREAS**, the database maintained by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office makes it impossible for a voter to vote more than one ballot.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Carefree, Arizona, as follows:

The Town Clerk is authorized to conduct the Primary Election and General Election pursuant to A.R.S. 16-204(E)(1) and (2), cause the publication of the Call of Election and Notice of the Primary Election and General Election as set forth, conduct "Mail Ballot Elections" for the 2024 Primary and General Elections, in accordance with A.R.S. Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 8.1, and canvass the election as set forth above.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Carefree, Arizona, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2024.

\_\_\_AYES \_\_\_NOES \_\_\_ABSTENTIONS \_\_\_ ABSENT

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John Crane, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Denis Fitzgibbons, Town Attorney