

**RESOLUTION NO. 158**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, REQUESTING THE PIERCE COUNTY AUDITOR TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CITY SHOULD CHANGE ITS FORM OF GOVERNMENT, BECOMING A CHARTER CODE CITY, AND ELECTING 15 FREEHOLDERS TO SERVE ON A CHARTER COMMISSION WHICH SHALL FRAME A CITY CHARTER, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 157.**

WHEREAS, the City of University Place is a non-charter code city operating under the Optional Municipal Code set out in RCW 35A.01 et.seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the City of University Place on September 16, 1997, received a petition To Change Form of Government in the City of University Place; and,

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Auditor on October 13, 1997, issued a Certificate of Sufficiency that the petition to Change Form of Government in University Place was signed by qualified electors in number equal to not less than ten percent of the votes cast at the last general municipal election; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35A.08.030, the City Council is required to provide for an election on the proposition upon receipt of a petition certified by the County Auditor;

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.08.030 provides that at the election to consider the question of whether the City shall become a Charter Code City, provision shall also be made for the election of fifteen freeholders who shall constitute the Charter Commission charged with the duty of framing a charter for submission to the voters; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Declaration of Emergency. The City Council finds that an emergency exists requiring a special election to be held in the City of University Place on the proposition of whether the City should change its form of government to become a Charter code City;

Section 2. Request for Special Election. The Pierce County Auditor is requested to Concur in the finding of an emergency and to call a special election to be held in the City of University Place on March 10, 1998, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City the proposition of whether the City should change its form of government, becoming a Charter Code City, and electing 15 freeholders who shall constitute the Charter Commission charged with the duty of framing a Charter for submission to the voters.

Section 3. Ballot Proposition. The proposition to be submitted at the special election shall be in the form of a ballot title as follows:

**PROPOSITION**

**SHALL THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE CHANGE ITS FORM OF GOVERNMENT, BECOMING A CHARTER CODE CITY, AND ELECT A 15 MEMBER CHARTER COMMISSION WHICH SHALL FRAME A CITY CHARTER?**

**YES**.....

**NO**.....

**ELECTION OF CHARTER COMMISSION**

All voters are entitled to also vote for candidates for the freeholder positions numbered below, regardless of the vote choice on the above proposition.

**Vote for one freeholder for each of the fifteen positions:**

**FREEHOLDER POSITION NO. 1**

**Vote for One**

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**FREEHOLDER POSITION NO. 2**

**Vote for One**

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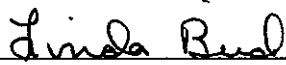
**\*\*\*Continue through Position No. 15**

Section 4. Transmittal to County Auditor and Request for Special Election. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to notify, and to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Pierce County Auditor.

Section 5. Repealer Resolution No. 157 is hereby repealed

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 17, 1997.**

  
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Linda Bird, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Susan Matthew, City Clerk