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CITY COUNCIL SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR WARD 2 SEAT

Council to choose successor in January

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

The person appointed will become a temporary interim City Council member after taking the oath of office. Since there are more than two years remaining in Wells' unexpired term of office, the remainder of the unexpired term is required to be placed on the next general municipal election ballot in November 2017. The winner of the November 2017 general City election will then complete the remainder of the City Council term of office. The City Council will make the selection of the temporary interim appointment; a majority vote of the entire City Council membership is required.

Here's the process: At the Jan. 9 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 determined by drawing candidate names from a hat. Interviews will be conducted by the City Council's Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, Jan. 11, and, if necessary, may continue on subsequent dates, to be determined. Once City Council interviews of applicants have been completed, the Council, at a Monday evening meeting, will take action to select a temporary interim replacement Ward 2 representative. The winning candidate will receive a majority vote of occupied Council seats. A City Council appointment must occur within 30 days of the actual commencement of the vacancy in the City Council position.

Applicants must be a

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

The position pays \$1,215.80 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 5 p.m. on Jan. 5. For further information, contact Kirsten Hands, Deputy City Clerk, at 552-6077. On and after Jan. 3, contact Marty Rehbein, CMC, Legislative Services Director/City Clerk at 552-6078.

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