



**TOWN OF MILLIKEN
TOWN BOARD
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

To: Mayor Tokunaga and Town Trustees From: Cheryl Powell, Town Clerk Via: Kent Brown, Town Administrator	Meeting Date: Monday, November 9, 2015
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Agenda Item #	Action: X	Discussion:	Information:
Agenda Title: Mail Ballot Election for the April 2016 Regular Municipal Election			
Attachments: Resolution # 15-21			

PURPOSE

To approve a resolution authorizing a mail ballot election for the April 5, 2016 Regular Municipal Election.

BACKGROUND

In the past Milliken has conducted polling place elections with minimal participation from the registered voters within the community. Most of the residents in Milliken commute for employment and it is not convenient for them to cast their vote utilizing the polling place method. Conducting a mail-in ballot election may increase voter participation and allow those residents who did not vote in the past to cast their vote. In addition, the mail ballot will be consistent with all other elections in Weld County.

BUDGET IMPLICATONS

In 2014 the cost of the Regular Municipal Election was \$ 6,129.17. This was a polling place election. I have received cost estimates from other municipalities with approximately the same amount of registered voters who conducted a mail-in ballot election in 2014 and their costs ranged from \$7,000 to \$11,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends conducting a Mail Ballot Election to encourage voter participation.

SUGGESTED MOTION

“I move to approve Resolution 15-21, authorizing and directing the Town Clerk, as the designated election official for the Town, to conduct the April 5, 2016 election by mail ballot.”

RESOLUTION NO. 15-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MILLIKEN DETERMINING THAT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016 SHALL BE A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1-7.5-104 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Milliken is authorized to determine that certain elections may be conducted by mail ballot; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 31-1-101 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the Town's next regular election shall be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on November 9, 2015, the Board of Trustees found that in the interest of increased voter participation, the 2016 regular election shall be by mail ballot and voted to direct the Town Clerk to conduct the election as a mail ballot election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MILLIKEN:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees has determined that the municipal election to be held on April 5, 2016 shall be by mail ballot. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Clerk, as the designated election official for the Town, to conduct the election by mail ballot and to perform all duties in relation thereto, pursuant to the Mail Ballot Election Act provisions in C.R.S. § 1-7.5-101, *et seq.*

Section 2. This Resolution is effective upon adoption by the Board.

RESOLVED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2015.

TOWN OF MILLIKEN, COLORADO

Milt Tokunaga, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheryl Powell, Town Clerk