

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1914

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR PURPOSES OF PROTECTING CITY OWNED OPEN SPACE IN PERPETUITY TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS OF PRESCOTT AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 5, 2025

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Prescott City Council has received a citizens' request for a proposed charter amendment to protect city-owned open space in perpetuity to be referred to the voters at the August 5, 2025 Election; and,

WHEREAS, as presented in Exhibit A to this Resolution, the proposed charter amendment identifies limited uses for such open space and impacted properties; and,

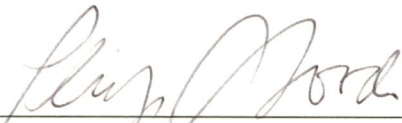
WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to call a Charter Election to be held on August 5, 2025, and this date coincides with the City's scheduled primary election; and,

ENACTMENTS:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. THAT the ballot language set forth on Exhibit A to this Resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, will be presented to voters of Prescott, Arizona, at their August 5, 2025 Primary Election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Prescott this 25th day of March, 2025.



PHILIP R. GOODE, Mayor

ATTEST:



SARAH M. SIEP, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JOSEPH D. YOUNG, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION OF RECORDING OFFICER

STATE OF ARIZONA)
County of Yavapai) ss.

I, the undersigned Sarah M. Siep, being the duly appointed, qualified City Clerk of the City of Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2025-1914 is a true, correct and accurate copy of Resolution No. 2025-1914 passed and adopted at a Voting Meeting of the Council of the City of Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, held on the 25th day of March, 2025, at which a quorum was present and, by a 3-0-2 vote, five voted affirmatively for said resolution.

Given under my hand and sealed this 31 day of March, 2025.

Seal



Sarah M. Siep
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A**PROPOSAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND CITY CHARTER ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 12****OFFICIAL TITLE: SHALL THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 12 OF THE PRESCOTT CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD ADDITIONAL OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION SPACE PROPERTIES TO BE PROTECTED IN PERPETUITY?**

Notwithstanding any portion of this section, the properties known as Watson Lake and Willow Lake, and adjacent property, consisting of a cumulative total of approximately eight hundred fifty (850) acres, which were acquired by the city from the Chino Valley Irrigation District from the bond proceeds, pursuant to that Special Bond Election held on May 19, 1998, and Upper and Lower Goldwater Lake (APN# 104-09-001) consisting of approximately one hundred sixty (160) acres shall not be sold by the City, and shall be retained as a mix of open space and recreation space and/or utilized for water supply purposes in perpetuity.

The following additional properties shall also not be sold, leased (unless in conjunction with a conservation easement), transferred, or otherwise encumbered (unless by conservation easements) by the City without prior voter approval by a majority of votes cast by Prescott registered voters at a primary, general, or special election.

The properties listed below may only be used for the following purposes: pre-existing uses, utilities, nature preserves, utility installation and services, flagpoles, gazebos, visitor centers, bathroom facilities, trailheads and City-sanctioned trails as well as ancillary uses such as parking and similar infrastructure along with related road purposes, including all-weather road surfaces to access utility infrastructure, roads and paths for public safety access and response, paved roads to and around the foregoing amenities and for emergency ingress or egress for adjacent public development (not to include arterial roads and throughfares except those existing prior to January 2025 and except that any of these roads may be used for evacuation of citizens in case of fire or other emergency), unless an exception is approved by a majority of votes cast by Prescott registered voters at a primary, general, or special election.

- Stricklin Park – Parcel 108-14-110B
- Thumb Butte Viewshed – Parcels 111-03-146, 111-03-161B, 111-03-161C, 111-03-161E, 111-03-161F, & 111-03-161G
- Ericksson – Parcel 106-12-001W
- Storm Ranch – Parcels 103-04-007H, 105-05-006X, 800-11-096F, & 103-04-005
- TPL/Payne – Parcels 106-10-017G & 106-12-002A
- Fairgrounds/Petroglyphs – 4-acre portion – Parcel 111-11-148H
- Hisokota Trust – Parcels 106-09-002R, 106-10-023Q, & 106-10-150L
- Granite Gardens – Parcels 106-10-019 & 106-10-025U

- Harold James Trust / Constellation Trails – Parcel 106-01-004
- Granite Haven – Parcels 106-10-150N & 106-10-150P
- Beurie – Parcel 106-13-001A
- Askari/Whispering Rock – Parcels 800-11-060D & 800-11-060E
- AED South – Parcels 103-04-010D, 106-01-001B, 106-10-001B, & 106-10-001E
- Glassford Hill – Parcels 103-04-627, 105-05-267, 103-04-626, 103-19-257, & 103-19-256
- Gill Hill/Little Thumb Butte – Parcels 111-04-076D, 111-04-076G, 111-04-076J, 111-04-076K, 111-05-088, & 111-05-089
- Centennial/Westridge – Parcels 115-07-154J, 115-07-150, 115-07-151, 115-10-325, 115-07-153, 115-07-127A, 115-07-128A, 115-07-155A, 115-07-189, 115-07-190, 115-07-264, 115-07-007H, 115-07-296, 115-07-297, 115-07-319, & 115-07-320
- Boyle/DeBusk – Parcels 107-04-038 & 107-04-039
- Anderson – Parcels 107-17-001X & 107-17-001Z
- Watson Lake – Parcels 103-04-007E & 106-12-005
- Community Nature Center – Parcel 116-04-002C
- Green – Parcels 106-10-003D, 106-10-003B, & 106-10-001E
- Peavine Trail from Watson Lake to SR89A - 105-07-009B, 105-04-012, 105-05-007B, 105-05-007A, 105-05-007, 103-04-801, 103-04-802, 800-11-096J, 800-11-096H, 800-11-096K, 103-04-807, 103-04-012A, 103-04-012C, 103-04-012D, 103-04-012F, 103-04-012E, 103-01-053C, 800-11-096E, & 103-01-031H
- West Granite Creek Park – Parcels 113-14-056B, 800-11-030P, 113-14-055, 113-14-058D, 113-14-052A, 113-14-052B, 113-09-046, & 800-11-029K
- Watson Woods Riparian Preserve – Portions of Parcels 105-07-001B & 105-04-011A as described in City Contract #95-076

FULL BALLOT TEXT:

PROPOSITION #484

PROPOSAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND CITY CHARTER ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 12 ENTITLED "SALE OF CITY PROPERTY"

OFFICIAL TITLE

SHALL THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE VIII OF THE PRESCOTT CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD ADDITIONAL OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION SPACE PROPERTIES TO BE PROTECTED IN PERPETUITY?

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

THE PROPOSITION AMENDS THE PRESCOTT CITY CHARTER ADDING SEVERAL CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES, PROHIBITING THE SALE, LEASE OR TRANSFER OF SUCH PROPERTIES AND REQUIRING SUCH PROPERTIES BE RETAINED BY THE CITY WITH USE LIMITATIONS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PRE-EXISTING USE AND/OR OTHER LIMITED SPECIFIED USES CONSISTENT WITH OPEN SPACE IN PERPETUITY UNLESS AN EXCEPTION IS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF VOTES CAST BY PRESCOTT REGISTERED VOTERS AT A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION.

A "YES" vote shall have the effect of adding language to the Prescott City Charter adding several city-owned properties, prohibiting the sale lease or transfer of such properties and requiring such properties (in accordance with Resolution No. 2025-1914 adopted by the City Council on March 25, 2025 and on file with the City Clerk) be retained by the city with use limitations in conformance with pre-existing and/or other limited specified uses consistent with open space in perpetuity unless an exception is approved by a majority of votes cast by Prescott registered voters at a primary, general or special election.

A "NO" vote shall have the effect of retaining the current charter language.