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Colorado Municipal League releases spring municipal election preview

March 9, 2021, Denver, CO – Six municipal elections will be held in April to elect city and town councilmembers. Voters in Colorado Springs, Durango, Fort Collins, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, and Ward will select their municipal leaders on April 6. Aspen held its regular election on March 2.

Mountain Village voters go to the polls in June. Georgetown and Ridgway canceled their elections, citing a lack of competitive races.

Voters will also decide the fate of several ballot questions:

Tax and bond issues

Durango voters are being asked to increase the city lodging tax.

Marijuana

Grand Junction has two marijuana-related questions on the ballot. One question would allow the operation of marijuana businesses, contingent upon approval of a second question authorizing both a sales and use tax and an excise tax on marijuana.

Charter amendments

Fort Collins has five charter amendments on the ballot. The amendments pertain to organizational matters of council, campaign contributions for city elections, city council appropriations, publication of the annual independent audit, and updating obsolete language.

A question on the Colorado Springs ballot will allow ballot titles for tax or bonded debt increases to exceed thirty words.

Other issues

Fort Collins voters will consider a ban on large grocers from providing disposable plastic bags and a fee on the use of disposable paper bags.

Additionally, Fort Collins and Grand Junction each have questions related to land use and zoning on the ballot.

CML thanks the city and town clerks who assisted CML staff in compiling this election data.

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