

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022 General Election with  
Garfield County**



**Designated Election Official  
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Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Election Day: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM  
970-665-1144**

The Town of Parachute will be participating in the November 8, 2022, General Election with Garfield County. You should be receiving a letter from the Clerk & Records Office of Garfield County regarding your voter registration. **PLEASE DO NOT DISREGARD** this notice, as it will have information on how to ensure you receive your mail in ballot. The following are the additional two questions residents of the Town of Parachute proper will be able to vote on. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Designated Election Official.

**Are you registered to vote?**

**Yes** – Awesome! Keep an eye out for your letter from Jean Alberico, Garfield County Clerk to ensure you receive your ballot.

**No – Let’s register!**

Are you or will you be 18 at the next election?

Have you lived in Colorado for at least 22 days prior to the next Election?

Do you have a Colorado ID or DL?

**If you answered yes to all these questions, you may register online. Yay!**

**English Registration Here:**

<https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter/pages/pub/olvr/verifyNewVoter.xhtml>

**Spanish Registration Here:**

<https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter/pages/pub/olvr/verifyNewVoter.xhtml>

**If you answered no, there are still other ways of registering:**

You can print out the registration form and mail it into the County Clerk’s Office

**English Version:**

<https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/vote/VoterRegFormEnglish.pdf>

**Spanish Version:**

<https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/vote/VoterRegFormSpanish.pdf>

You may register to vote in person at the County Clerk’s Office

You may register to vote in person through Election Day

**County Clerk’s Office:**  
109 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

**Where do I turn in my voted ballot?**

The easiest place will be outside Town Hall, in a drop box on your left that says Garfield County. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR BALLOT IN OUR PAYMENT DROPBOX.** You may also return them at any ballot box WITHIN Garfield County.

**Parachute Town Hall**  
222 Grand Valley Way  
Parachute, CO 81635  
Garfield County Ballot Box on your left.  
Not the Payment Drop Box directly in front of you.

**Question 1:**

**Shall section 2-6(f) of the Town of Parachute Home Rule Charter be amended to allow for a person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy to serve until the expiration of the term for such office, as provided in Ordinance No. 802-2022?**

yes

no

**What is the Town of Parachute's Home Rule Charter?**

This is basically the Town's Constitution! You can view our Charter on our website, under the Municipal Code or use this link to view it:

<https://parachute.municipal.codes/Charter>

**What does this change mean?**

This change streamlines and clarifies the process of when and how an appointed persons on the Council need to run in an election. If the voters approve this change, this is how the Town of Parachute's Charter will read:

***Section 2-6. Vacancies.***

*(f) Terms of Persons Filling Vacancies. Any person appointed or elected to the Town Council to fill a vacancy shall hold office until the expiration of the term for such office the next regular election and until a successor is elected and qualified. If a current Councilmember is elected as Mayor, the Councilmember's former seat shall become vacant upon the effective date of the election, and a replacement shall be appointed or elected in accordance with this Section.*

**Was this question approved by the Town Council?**

Yes, Town Council approved Ordinance No. 802-2022 at a Special Meeting of the Town Council on September 8, 2022, with a 5-0 unanimous vote in favor of this question being placed on the ballot.

You may view the signed Ordinance on our website: Home>Government>Town Council>Town Approved Ordinances>2022 Ordinances>802-2022

Or

<https://townofparachute.colorado.gov/government/town-council/town-approved-ordinances>

**Question 2:**

**Shall sections 3-2, 3-3, and 3-4 of Town of Parachute Home Rule Charter be amended to allow for the Town Manager to appoint the Town Clerk, Police Chief, and Finance Director and shall section 3-6 of the Charter regarding terms for such offices be deleted, as provided in Ordinance No. 803-2022?**

yes

no

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This change brings the current processes of the Town in line with the Town's Charter. Statutory Towns ( Towns that follow State Statutes only, and do not have their own Charter) follow the process outlined below. However, within the Manager / Council form of government, the proposed changes fall more in line with this form of governing. If the voters approve this change, this is how the Town of Parachute's Charter will read:

***Section 3-2. Town Clerk***

*The Town Manager shall appoint or remove a Town Clerk. The Town Clerk shall be the custodian of the Town Seal and shall keep records of Town Council proceedings and record in full all ordinances, motions, and resolutions. The Town Clerk shall have the power to administer oaths and take acknowledgments under the Seal of the Town and shall perform such other duties as required by this Charter or the Town Council.*

***Section 3-3. Police Chief***

*The Town Manager shall appoint or remove a Police Chief. The Police Chief shall be the head of the Police Department, shall see that the ordinances of the Town are duly enforced, and shall have such other powers and duties as provided by ordinance.*

***Section 3-4. Finance Director***

*The Town Manager shall appoint or remove a Finance Director. The Finance Director shall have charge of the financial records of the Town and shall collect, receive and disburse all monies belonging to the Town and shall have all other duties required to administer properly the financial affairs of the Town.*

**Was this question approved by the Town Council?**

Yes, Town Council approved Ordinance No. 803-2022 at a Special Meeting of the Town Council on September 8, 2022, with a 5-0 unanimous vote in favor of this question being placed on the ballot.

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