



## Request for Committee Action Office of City Clerk

**Date:** March 25, 2014

**To:** Honorable Jacob Frey, Chair  
Elections & Rules Committee

**Subject:** Report on the 2013 Municipal Election

**Recommendation:** a) Receive and file the staff report on the 2013 Municipal Election;  
b) Direct staff to prepare ordinance amendments to:

- Clarify the definition of “tabulation center”; and
- Amend the process of mathematical elimination to account for greater availability of vote data and the use of automated ballot tabulators.

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<b>Approved by:</b>	Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk	

**Background Information:** The 2013 Municipal Election was the City’s second use of the alternative Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) methodology, following its successful implementation in 2009. A series of process improvements, including ordinance amendments, based on experiences and lesson learned, further streamlined the administration of the 2013 election, resulting in faster publication of election results. Staff has submitted a report summarizing the plans and preparations for the 2013 Municipal Election, as well as the experiences and “lessons learned,” which is attached. Staff is specifically proposing additional amendments to improve future uses of RCV in municipal election years. Additionally, improvements to basic election administration are summarized, including some that require formal authorization by the City Council.

**Attachments:** REPORT – 2013 Municipal Election: An Analysis & Recommendations  
Report Exhibits:

- Exhibit A – Post-Election Survey by Morris Leatherman and Company
- Exhibit B – November 2013 Municipal Election Analysis by Connie Schmidt