

Fort Belknap Election Committee

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Fort Belknap Indian Community
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Fort Belknap Indian Community
(Elected to administer the affairs of the community and
to represent the Assiniboine and the GrosVentre
Tribes of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation)

WRIT/NOTICE OF ELECTION

JULY 18, 2019

Pursuant to tribal law, a **Primary Election** of the Fort Belknap Community Council membership will be held the **first Tuesday of OCTOBER, (October 1, 2019)**, and a **General Election** on the **first Tuesday of NOVEMBER, (NOVEMBER 5, 2019)**, to determine the membership of the FOUR (4) District Representative Council member seats, and FOUR (4) At-Large Council representative Seats. **A listing of the Council seats to be filled in this election are as follows:**

Council seats with two (2) year term:

- >> 1 **River Assiniboine District Representative** (Elected by Assiniboine River District Voters)
 - >> 1 **River Gros Ventre District Representative** (Elected by Gros Ventre River District Voters)
 - >> 1 **Mountain Assiniboine District Representative**(Elected by Mountain Assiniboine District Voters)
 - >> 1 **Mountain Gros Ventre District Representative** (Elected by Mountain Gros Ventre District Voters)
 - >> 1 **Assiniboine At-Large Representative** (Elected by Assiniboine Voters only)
 - >> 1 **Gros Ventre At-Large Representative** (Elected by Gros Ventre Voters only)
 - >> 1 **Assiniboine At-Large Representative** (Elected by all voters, both Tribes)
 - >> 1 **Gros Ventre At-Large Representative** (Elected by all voters, both Tribes)
- = = 8 two (2) year term Council seats to be filled**
- >> 8 << TOTAL OF ALL COUNCIL SEATS TO BE FILLED IN THIS ELECTION**

These seats will be up for election pursuant the general provisions of the Constitution and By-laws, as well as the Election Ordinance. The **Primary Election** will be conducted on **October 1, 2019**, with the polls being open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., M.S.T. at the following polling places: Fort Belknap Agency--Community Center; Hays--John Capture Ctr.; Dodson--Wath-A-Tau Ctr; and Lodge Pole--Medicine Bear Lodge. The **General Election** will be conducted on **November 5, 2019**, with the polls being open from 8:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. M.S.T. at the same polling places:

SECTION 6. ABSENTEE BALLOTS

A non-resident, absent or infirm voter, otherwise qualified to vote, who will be absent from the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation on election day, or otherwise cannot present himself or herself at a polling place, may vote as hereinafter provided.

(A) Time for voting absentee. At any time within the period at 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M., twenty (20) days next preceding the election, an elector expecting to be absent may request in writing, through the mail or in person, leaving adequate time for mail/other delivery, to the Election Committee, and apply for an official ballot to be voted at such election as an absent voter's ballot. The Election Committee shall prescribe the form of application, which shall be signed by the applicant. Absentee ballots shall be received and counted for an election through the close of balloting on election day, provided, those received on election day shall be kept separate, and handled similar to out of district votes and other absentee ballots.

Those interested in declaring themselves as candidates for a Council seat must file a certificate of intention of candidacy for election to membership on the Council, declaring themselves for One (1) seat only, with nominating signatures, **at least sixty (60) days prior** to the Primary Election date. The **DEADLINE for filing for one of these seats is the close of the business day, 5:00 P.M., August 01, 2019.** This Writ of election shall be posted at least seventy-five (75) days prior to the Primary Election.

Candidates are asked to act immediately to familiarize themselves with the deadline for filing, together with the Election Code requirements for candidates. The Election Office, located on corner of Hopi Ave. and Iroquois Ave., (Old Dental office), can help with forms for filing, copies of the Constitution, and the Election Ordinance and explanations of requirements. *Candidates are required, under the Election Ordinance, to pick up and return their Certificates of Intention from the Election Committee THEMSELVES, to be certain full documentation is provided to each candidate.*



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