

REVISION*

April 29, 2021

In 2018, the Arizona State Legislature adopted Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-204.01 which required cities like Holbrook to hold local elections in even numbered years. While Holbrook has historically held elections in odd numbered years, § 16-204.01 was presumed to be valid and required the elections be moved. Thus, in compliance with § 16-204.01, the City's 2021 elections were not held, and would instead be held in 2022. In conformance with this state-mandated, consolidated election schedule, on January 23, 2020, the Holbrook City Council, by Resolution 20-01, approved an IGA with Navajo County to participate in consolidated elections beginning in 2022.

On April 14, 2021, after the City's 2021 election process would have started under the former schedule, the Arizona Supreme Court ruled in *Brnovich v. City of Tucson*, that the timing of elections in charter cities is a purely local concern. Thus, charter cities are not obligated by statute to move elections to even numbered years. Holbrook's Charter, however, is unique and notably different than other city charters; Holbrook's City Charter states it will conform election timing with State election laws; Accordingly, on April 22, 2021, the Holbrook City Council passed an ordinance conforming with state law that elections will be held in even numbered years.

City Hall is aware that this topic is of great interest to some residents, and is also aware of certain false rumors and sensationalized accounts of these events. Interested residents are encouraged to attend City Council meetings (or review the records of City Council meetings), where these issues are publicly discussed.

***Notes:**

- (1) "Resolution 20-10" was corrected to read "Resolution 20-01".**
- (2) Approval date "January 23, 2021" was corrected to "January 23, 2020".**