



# City of Yuma

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** City of Yuma 2024 Special Election

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6/26/2024	1	City Council Meeting		

	STRATEGIC OUTCOMES	ACTION
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> City Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe & Prosperous <input type="checkbox"/> Active & Appealing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respected & Responsible	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance - Introduction
<b>DIVISION:</b> City Clerk's Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connected & Engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unique & Creative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance - Adoption <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

**TITLE:**  
City of Yuma 2024 Special Election

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

Call for a Special Election to be held in conjunction with the General Election scheduled on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of determining whether to amend the Yuma City Charter, Article VI, Section 14a, relating to City Council Compensation. (City Administration/City Clerk's Office)

**STRATEGIC OUTCOME:**

This proposed City Charter amendment is advocated by a group of citizens on behalf of the community. Placing the proposed amendment on the 2024 Special Election ballot allows eligible voters to engage in the decision-making process and aligns with the Connected and Engaged strategic outcome, as well as Respected and Responsible.

**REPORT:**

Amendments to the Yuma City Charter are required to be approved by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors of the City of Yuma. The proposed ordinance calls a Special Election in conjunction with the General Election and designates the purpose, election date, voter registration deadline, and provides for publicity pamphlets.

During City Council discussion at the May 1, 2024 regular City Council meeting, a motion was approved by City Council to allow Yuma voters to decide whether the Yuma City Charter should reflect the recommendation to increase the Elected Official salaries and align them with the current cost of living rates and with other

cities/towns within Arizona of a similar size. The approved motion stated that the Charter amendment would move forward on the November 5, 2024 ballot and read as follows (strikethrough text indicates proposed deletions and underlined bold text indicates proposed additions):

- Article VI, Section 14a - From and after January 1, ~~1998~~ 2025, the Mayor shall receive compensation of ~~\$12,000~~ \$45,000 a year and each Councilmember shall receive compensation of ~~\$3,600~~ \$25,000 a year

Adoption of this ordinance calls the Special Election on November 5, 2024 and submits ballot language to the qualified electors of the City for the purpose of amending the Yuma City Charter, as stated above.

**FISCAL REQUIREMENTS:**

CITY FUNDS:	\$ 0.00	BUDGETED:	\$ 0.00
STATE FUNDS:	\$ 0.00	AVAILABLE TO TRANSFER:	\$ 0.00
FEDERAL FUNDS:	\$ 0.00	IN CONTINGENCY:	\$ 0.00
OTHER SOURCES:	\$ 0.00	FUNDING: ACCOUNT/FUND #/CIP	
TOTAL \$ 0.00			
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To total; right click number & choose "Update Field"			

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

NON

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM THAT ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

NONE

IF CITY COUNCIL ACTION INCLUDES A CONTRACT, LEASE OR AGREEMENT, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ROUTING THE DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE AFTER CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL?

- Department
- City Clerk's Office
- Document to be recorded
- Document to be codified

Acting City Administrator: John D. Simonton	Date: 6/18/2024
Reviewed by City Attorney: Richard W. Files	Date: 6/17/2024