



## Topic #7 - Keystone Incorporation Timeline

March 13, 2023

The Keystone Incorporation Election on March 28<sup>th</sup> is the first of three elections which is required for Keystone to become a Town. The entire process should be completed by the end of this year.

### The Keystone Election Commission has mailed ballots to all Keystone Active Registered Voters

- Keystone Inactive Registered Voters (Voters whose ballots were returned as undeliverable in the last election) may request a ballot in the Voter Service Center
- *The VOTER SERVICE CENTER is in the Keystone Center at 1628 Sts John Road. It is open Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and on March 28, 2023 from 7am to 7pm*
- Ballots are due by 7pm on March 28, 2023.
- The Ballot has three items:
  - Incorporate: Yes or No (approval requires a yes vote by a majority of those who voted in the election)
  - Form a Home Rule Charter Commission: Yes or No (approval requires a yes vote by a majority of those who voted in the election)
  - Elect Nine members of the Charter Commission: Thirteen candidates are on the ballot (the nine candidates who receive the largest number of votes will be elected)
- Information on the Ballot Questions and Charter Commission Candidates is available in the Keystone Voter which can be found at [www.IncorporateKeystone.com](http://www.IncorporateKeystone.com)
- Preliminary Election Results should be available in the late evening on March 28<sup>th</sup> with final results on April 5<sup>th</sup> after military and overseas voters' ballots are received and counted.

If the vote is to Incorporate and form a Charter Commission, **the Charter Commission will meet and draft the Town Home Rule Charter**

- There will be at **least two Town Hall listening sessions for the Charter Commission to get Keystone Community input and comments** in May and early June
- The Charter Commission will write the Town Charter with the assistance of Municipal Attorneys
- When the Charter is completed, it will be sent to the Keystone Election Commission with a request to call an election to approve the Town Charter. This should occur in June 2023

### The Election Commission will:

- Set a date for the election approximately 60 days from receipt of the Completed Home Rule Town Charter
- A town hall meeting will be held to answer questions regarding the Town Home Rule Charter
- An Election to approve the Home Rule Charter is expected to be held in August or September
  - All Keystone Registered Voters may vote in the Home Rule Charter Election

**If the Home Rule Charter is approved by a majority of those who voted in the Election**

- The Keystone Election Commission will set a date for the Election of the Town Council
- **Candidates for the Keystone Town Council will have 21 days to collect 10 signatures of Keystone Voters to qualify for the Ballot**
- The Election is expected to be held in November or December

At the conclusion of the Town Council Election, the results are filed with the District Court, and notification is made to the Colorado Secretary of State which approves the incorporation of the Town of Keystone. This is expected to occur in December 2023.

**Drop Ballots at the Keystone Center by 7:00pm on March 28<sup>th</sup>**

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***...For those not in town - Mail Ballots IMMEDIATELY***