



TOWN OF CLARKDALE

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# Press Release

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## **One Council Candidate Listed on Ballot for 2006 Election**

The deadline for Council Candidates to file to be on the ballot for March 14 Primary was December 14<sup>th</sup>. For the two council seats which are available for this election (Vice Mayor Jerry Wiley and Councilmember Tim Wills' terms are expiring) only one person has filed as a candidate: Jerry Wiley.

Anyone interested in becoming an official write-in candidate must file nomination papers with the Town Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2005. Write-in votes cast for anyone not filing documents by this date will not be counted.

February 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register to vote in the Primary Election.

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### **Information on Vote-By-Mail Ballots:**

2006 Elections will be all Vote by Mail Elections! Every voter will be mailed a ballot. There will be NO polling places, however, persons who spoiled or lost their ballot, or who do not receive a ballot may contact the Town Clerk for a replacement. Voted ballots may be mailed to Yavapai County Elections (postage paid), dropping off the ballot in a County drop box, or be dropped-off at Clarkdale Town Hall. For questions, please contact Joyce Driscoll, Admin.

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**Information on Home Rule Option:**

In 1980, Arizona voters approved a tax reform package that, among other things, placed an expenditure limitation on cities and towns. However, this legislation allowed local voters in cities and towns to approve an exception to the state imposed expenditure limitation.

Under a state imposed expenditure limitation, a city or town may only expend a certain amount of funds, regardless of the city or town's revenue or individual needs. The city or town's budget is limited by the state-imposed ceiling.

Under the Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule Option) the city or town may determine its own expenditures based on a city or town budget. With voter approval, the Town shall be limited to the expenditure of estimated available revenues, whether such expenditures are less than, or more than, the state imposed limit.

For cities and towns to use the Home Rule Option, the voters must approve the Option on a ballot. The Home Rule Option, to continue, must be passed by the voters every four years. The Town of Clarkdale voters have approved the Home Rule Option every four years since 1980, therefore the Town currently operates under the Home Rule Option.

If voters approve, the additional expenditure authority will continue to be used for all local budgetary purposes, including emergency services, municipal utilities, parks/historic preservation, cemetery, streets, grants/other funds and other government services. Revenues received from federal, state and local sources will be used to fund such expenditures (the town property tax is limited to the amount prescribed in the Arizona State Constitution.)

**Special Note:** Many Clarkdale voters are located in the Clarkdale-Jerome School District. The ballots those voters receive will also contain a Clarkdale-Jerome budget override question.