

CHAPTER 31: ELECTIONS

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 31.01 CONFORMANCE OF CITY ELECTIONS WITH STATE LAW.

All city elections shall be conducted and held in conformance with the provisions of RSMo. Chapter 115.

(Prior Code, § 105.010)

§ 31.02 DATE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

(A) A municipal election for the qualified voters of this city shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of each year.

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(B) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of even-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the city shall be held for the purpose of electing a Mayor, who shall hold his or her office for a term of two years, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

(C) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of odd-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the city shall be held for the purpose of electing one Alderman from each ward who shall hold his or her office for a term of two years, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

(D) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of even-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the city shall be held for the purpose of electing one Alderman from each ward, who shall hold his or her office for a term of two years, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

(E) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of even-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the city shall be held for the purpose of electing a Collector, who shall hold his or her offices for a term of four years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. (Prior Code, § 105.020)

§ 31.03 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY; DATES FOR FILING.

(A) Any person who desires to become a candidate for an elective city office at the general city election shall file with the City Clerk, not prior to the hour of 8:00 a.m., on the fifteenth Tuesday prior to, nor later than 5:00 p.m., on the eleventh Tuesday prior to the next city municipal election, a written declaration of his or her intent to become a candidate at said election.

(B) The City Clerk shall keep a permanent record of the names of the candidates, the offices for which they seek election, and the date of their filing, and their names shall appear on the ballots in that order. (Prior Code, § 105.030)

§ 31.04 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY; NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

(A) The City Clerk shall, on or before the fifteenth Tuesday prior to any election at which city offices are to be filled by said election, notify the general public of the opening filing date, the office or offices to be filled, the proper place for filing, and the closing filing date of the election.

(B) Such notification may be accomplished by legal notice published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the city. (Prior Code, § 105.040)

§ 31.05 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY; FORM.

The form of said written declaration of candidacy shall be substantially as follows:

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS
 COUNTY OF COOPER)

I, _____, being first duly sworn, state that I reside at _____, City of Otterville, County of Cooper, Missouri; that I am a qualified voter; that I do hereby declare myself a candidate for the office of _____, to be voted upon at the municipal election to be held on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday of April, 20____, and I meet all the qualifications required of a candidate for said office, and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for said election for said office, and state that I will serve as such officer, if elected.

Signed:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

 City Clerk
 City of Otterville

(SEAL)

(Prior Code, § 105.050)

§ 31.06 NOTICE OF ELECTIONS.

(A) In city elections, the City Clerk shall notify the County Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m. on the tenth Tuesday prior to any city election except as noted in RSMo. § 115.125.1. The notice shall be in writing, shall specify that the Board of Aldermen is calling the election, the purpose of the election, the date of the election, and shall include a certified copy of the legal notice to be published, including the sample ballot.

(B) The written notice shall be executed on behalf of the Board of Aldermen by the Mayor of the Board, and shall include the attestation of the City Clerk and shall have affixed thereto the seal of the city. The notice and any other information required by this section may, with the prior notification to the election authority receiving the notice, be accepted by facsimile transmission prior to 5:00 p.m. on the tenth Tuesday prior to the election, provided that the original copy of the notice and a certified copy of the legal notice to be published shall be received in the office of the election authority within three business days from the date of the facsimile transmission.

(Prior Code, § 105.060)

§ 31.07 AT-LARGE ELECTIONS.

(A) *At-large elections.* Election to the Board of Aldermen shall be at-large. The seats of current Aldermen shall be filled at-large as soon as the current term expires. Each year thereafter, one-half the Board of Aldermen shall stand for election at-large for a two-year term.

(B) *Wards abolished.* The election wards are hereby abolished.
(Ord. 402, passed 11-10-2010)

PRECINCTS; POLLING PLACES**§ 31.20 PRECINCTS AND DESIGNATED POLLING PLACES.**

The city, be and it is hereby divided into two wards by a line located as follows:

(A) All east of Boonville and south of Georgetown Road: East Ward; and

(B) All other: West Ward.

(Prior Code, § 105.070) (Ord. 221, passed 2-21-1984)