# (ORD #13-97) (ORD #08-04) Chapter 121-General and Special Elections

## 121.010. Date of general election.

A general election for the elective officers of the City shall be held on the first Tuesday in April of each year.

- On the first Tuesday in April of odd numbered years an election shall be held by the qualified voters of each ward in the City for one councilman from each ward, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of two years and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.
- 2. On the first Tuesday in April of even numbered years an election shall be held by the qualified voters of each ward of this City for one councilman for each ward, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of two years and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.
- 3. On the first Tuesday in April of even numbered years an election shall be held by the qualified voters of the City for the respective office of Mayor, who shall hold the office for the term of four years and until his/her successor shall be elected and qualified.

## 121.020. (ORD #08-04) Filing of candidates.

Any person desiring to seek election to an elective city office at any general city election may do so by filing his name and the office for which he seeks election with the city clerk during the filing period (sixteen Tuesdays before the election date to eleven Tuesdays before the election date). The 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. The form of such declaration shall be as follows:

STATE OF MISSOURI) ) ss. COUNTY OF JOHNSON )

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, say that I reside at street, City of Holden, County of Johnson, State of Missouri; that I am a qualified voter therein and have been a resident of said City of Holden for more than \_\_\_\_\_ years immediately last past; that I am a candidate for nomination to the office of \_\_\_\_\_\_ to be voted upon at the primary election to be held on the Tuesday of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, and am eligible therefore and I have hereby requested that my name be printed upon the official primary ballot for nomination by primary election for such office, and that I will serve as such officer, if elected.

(signed) Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me, \_\_\_\_\_\_, on this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_. (signed)

## 121.030. Same; qualifications challenged.

Any person who is not qualified for his office as provided by state law or other ordinances shall not be entitled to have his name printed on the ballot. The qualifications of a candidate for office shall be determined by the city council upon hearing given, and upon its own motion, or upon written affidavit by some person that a named candidate is not qualified as such for the office sought.

# 121.040. Conformance of city elections with state law.

All city elections shall be conducted and held in conformance with the provisions of the state election laws.

## 121.050. Conduct of election by county clerk.

The county clerk, as the designated election authority, shall conduct city elections.

# 121.060. Notice of city election.

The city clerk shall notify the county clerk prior to 5:00 p.m. on the tenth Tuesday prior to any city election of the forth-coming city election. The notice shall be in writing, and shall specify that the City is calling the election, the purpose of the election, the date of the election, and it shall include a certified copy of the legal notice to be published and the sample ballot.

# 121.070. Voters, qualifications.

All residents of the City who are qualified and timely and properly registered voters in accordance with the state law shall be entitled to vote at city elections. In order to vote at any city election a person must be registered no later that 5:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday prior to the election.

# 121.080. Designation of polling places and judges; election costs.

The election authority shall designate the polling places in all city elections. The election authority shall appoint all election judges. The City shall pay all the election costs required by the election authority conducting its election.

## 121.090. City police officers, assistance.

It shall be the duty of the city police officers to give any assistance or protection required by the election authority, any employee of the election authority, or any election judge, and to comply with all lawful requests and directions of the election authority relating to such assistance.

## 121.110. Special election dates.

Authorized dates for special city elections are the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February, March, August and November of each year.

# 121.111. Certification of election results.

As soon as practicable after each city election, the election authority shall convene a verification board to verify the count and certify the results of the election. Not later than the second Tuesday after the election, the verification board shall issue a statement announcing the results of each election and shall certify the returns to the city clerk. The city clerk shall issue to each person elected a certificate of election.

**121.112. Election ordinance.** Prior to each city election the City Council shall timely pass an election ordinance authorizing, establishing and providing the election procedure to be followed in conduct of the city election.