

## **DRAFT Election Calendar Change (Odd Years); Associated Term Extension**

### **Sec. 204. Qualifications for membership on the Council, including as Mayor.**

To be elected or appointed to the Council, including as Mayor, a person shall meet the following requirements:

(a) ***Qualified voter.*** Be a qualified voter of the City;

(b) ***Taxpayer.*** Current on all city taxes or municipal user fees, as attested by the candidate to the City Clerk in a form prescribed by the Director of Finance;

(c) ***Minimum age.*** Attained the age of twenty-five years before election day;

(d) ***Residency.***

(1) ***Mayor.*** Resided a total of at least five years before election day, including the two years immediately prior to election day, in the territory embraced within the City limits.

(2) ***Council members.*** Resided at least two years immediately prior to election day in the territory embraced within the City limits. Resided at least six months immediately prior to election day within the district from which elected.

(e) ***Criminal record.*** Unless otherwise provided by law, no person shall have been found guilty, either after a trial or as a result of a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere*, of a felony or of any other act in another jurisdiction that would be a felony if committed in Missouri unless having been a qualified voter for five years next preceding election. No person having entered a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* for which imposition of sentence has been suspended shall be qualified for service as a member of the Council, including as Mayor, unless the required period of probation has passed and the charges have been dismissed, or otherwise disposed.

(f) ***Grounds for forfeiture of office.*** No person shall assume office as a member of the Council, including as Mayor, if any grounds for forfeiture of office as provided in this Charter exist. Failure to assume office on ~~August 1~~ **January 1** or within fifteen days of being elected at a special election or appointed to office will result in the office to which elected or appointed being deemed vacant.

### **Sec. 206. Term of office.**

(a) ***Length of term.*** All members of the Council, including the Mayor, will serve a term of four years, commencing ~~August 1~~ **January 1** following their election.

(b) ***Term limits.***

(1) ***Mayor.*** No person shall be elected Mayor who has been elected Mayor in each of the last two regular municipal elections.

(2) **Member of the Council.** No person shall be elected a member of the Council who has been elected to the Council in each of the last two regular municipal elections.

(3) **Retroactive application.** Persons elected as a member of the Council or as Mayor prior to the date this Charter amendment becomes effective are included within the term limits established by this section.

#### **Sec. 210. Meetings.**

(a) **Initial meeting.** An initial meeting of the Council shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on ~~August 1~~ ~~January 2~~, following each regular municipal election, unless ~~August 1~~ ~~January 2~~ falls on Sunday or a legal holiday recognized by the City, then the meeting shall be held on ~~August 2~~ the following day.

(b) **Sessions of the Council.** After the initial meeting, the Council shall meet in regular session at times designated by ordinance, unless the meeting is dispensed with by the Council. On written request of the Mayor, or three or more members of the Council, the City Clerk will call special sessions in the manner prescribed by ordinance. The Council shall have the same power to transact business at special sessions as at regular sessions.

(c) **Record of the Council.** It shall be the duty of the City Clerk to cause a correct abstract of the proceedings of each meeting of the Council to be prepared and published promptly for access to the residents of the City. If the Council shall at any time authorize the publication of a daily or weekly record or other similar City publication, whether in print, electronic or other form, such abstract or the full proceedings may be published in such record in lieu of newspaper publication.

#### **Sec. 604. Election dates.**

(a) **Regular elections.** The City will hold a primary election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of ~~April~~ ~~August~~ of odd-numbered years, and a general election ~~eleven weeks after the primary election~~ the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years. The next primary election will be held on ~~April 8, 2015~~ August 3, 2027, the next general election will be held on November 2, 2027, and every four years thereafter.

(b) **Special elections.** The City may call special elections for any lawful purpose as provided by state law.

(c) **Alternate election dates.** If authorized by state law, the Council may change the dates for regular elections.

#### **Sec. 1309. Transition of directors and certain officials.**

(a) **Directors and other appointees.** Directors and other appointees of the Mayor and Council, and the City Manager shall continue in office.

(b) *Internal Auditor.* The current Internal Auditor shall be deemed appointed by the City Manager upon the effective date of the elimination of the Internal Audit function as a Charter department.

(c) *Departments and offices.* All departments and offices shall continue to exist until changed in accordance with this Charter or the ordinances of the City.

(d) *Elected officials.* Terms of office for the Mayor, members of the Council, and judges of the Kansas City Municipal Division of the Circuit Court serving on ~~April 30, 2015~~ July 31, 2027, are recognized to end ~~August 1, 2015~~ January 1, 2028.