

CHAPTER VI: ELECTIONS

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§ 6-101 CONDUCT OF ELECTION.

The election of city officials shall be conducted in all respects as provided by the laws of the state governing the holding of city elections.

(K.S.A. 25-2101 et seq.) (2005 Code, § 6-102)

§ 6-102 HOURS OF VOTING.

At all city elections the polls shall be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m., unless different hours are set and publicly announced by the county election officer.

(K.S.A. 25-2111, 26-206) (2005 Code, § 6-103)

§ 6-103 COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF OFFICE; OATH OF OFFICE.

(a) The term of office for newly elected city officials shall commence on the second Monday in January following certification of the election by the county election officer.

(b) Every person elected or appointed to city office, before entering upon the duties of such office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation as specified in K.S.A. 54-106, and amendments thereto, and every such oath or affirmation shall be filed with the City Clerk.

(K.S.A. 25-2120)

§ 6-104 ELECTION OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS.

(a) The city, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution hereby elects to and does exempt itself and make inapplicable to it the provisions of K.S.A. 15-201, which applies to this city, but is part of an enactment which does not apply uniformly to all cities.

(b) The governing body shall consist of a Mayor and five Council members to be elected to terms

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as set forth in this section. The Mayor and Council members shall be residents and qualified electors of the city.

(c) Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2017, shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2018, when the city officials elected in the November 2017 general election take office. Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2019, shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2020, when the city officials elected in the November 2019 general election take office.

(d) General elections shall take place on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November 2017. Elections shall be non-partisan. Succeeding elections will be held every two years for all such governing body positions whose terms have expired. A Mayor and two Council members shall be elected at one election, and the remaining three Council members shall be elected at the succeeding election. The Mayor and all Council members shall have four-year terms.

(e) In case of a vacancy in the Council occurring by reason of resignation, death, or removal from office or from the city, the Mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the remaining Council members, shall appoint an elector to fill the vacancy until the next election for that office. In case any person elected as a Council member neglects or refuses to qualify within 30 days after election, the Council member shall be deemed to have refused to accept the office and a vacancy shall exist. The Mayor may, with the consent of the remaining Council members, appoint a suitable elector to fill the vacancy.

(f) In accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, any person may become a candidate for city office elected at large by having had filed on their behalf, a nomination petition or a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by any fee required by law. The nomination petition must be signed by two of the qualified electors of the city.
(Charter Ord. 17-01, passed 1-17-2016)