

## CHAPTER VI. ELECTIONS

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### ARTICLE 1. CITY ELECTIONS

- 6-101. ELECTIONS. The mayor, treasurer, and one councilman from each ward shall be elected on the first Tuesday in April of each odd numbered year beginning 1969 and one councilman from each ward on the first Tuesday in April in the following odd numbered year beginning 1971. The mayor and treasurer shall have terms of two years and the councilmen shall have terms of four years. All shall hold office until the successors are qualified, by taking and subscribing an oath, within 10 days, after receipt of certificate of election from county election commissioners. Failure to so qualify within 10 days is deemed a refusal to accept said office. (C.O. No. 2; Code 1971, 1-108, Code 1999, 5-101)
- 6-102. COUNTY ELECTION OFFICER. The county election officer shall have charge of the administering of the election and registration laws of the city and the county board of canvassers shall have the final canvass on Friday following the elections on Tuesday and others as provided by law. The certificate of nomination or election shall be issued by the county election officer. (K.S.A. 25-2303; Code 1971, 1-109; Code 1999, 5-102)
- 6-103. REGISTRATION. All voters shall be registered under the supervision and direction of the county election officer before being permitted to vote. (K.S.A. 25-2302; Code 1971, 7-102; Code 1999, 5-103)
- 6-104. CANDIDATES. Any person desiring to become a candidate for a city office shall file with the city clerk before the filing deadline, a statement of such candidacy on a form to be furnished by the county election officer. Upon receiving the same the city clerk shall record the same and forthwith transmit the same to the county election officer. Each such filing shall be accompanied by a \$5.00 filing fee or by a petition signed by 25 electors eligible to vote for such candidate or by the number of electors equal to 10 percent of the ballots cast and counted at the last general city election whichever is the lesser. (K.S.A. 1980 Supp. 25-2110, Code 1971, 1-111; Code 1999, 5-104)
- 6-105. FILING DATE DEADLINE. The filing date deadline for a city officer shall be 12:00 o'clock of the Tuesday preceding by nine weeks the first Tuesday of April. (K.S.A. 25-2109, Code 1971, 1-110; Code 1999, 5-105)
- 6-106. 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; Code 2008)

## ARTICLE 2. WARDS

- 6-201. DIVISION INTO WARDS. The city is hereby divided into three wards.
- (a) Ward 1: Shall be and include all that part of the city south of State Street and east of Fifth Street to Fischer Drive; westward along Fischer Drive to the tributary of Plotner Creek within the city limits.
  - (b) Ward 2: Shall be and include all that part of the city which is north of State Street.
  - (c) Ward 3: Shall be and include all that part of the city which is south of State Street and west of Fifth Street to Fischer Dive and the tributary of Plotner Creek within the city limits  
(Ord. 1200, Sec. 1; Code 1999, 5-201)
- 6-202. CHANGE OF WARDS. When the number of registered voters in any ward exceeds by more than 20 percent the number of registered voters in any other ward, the city council must change and redefine the boundaries of the wards so that the number of registered voters in each of the wards are as nearly equal as possible, but no such change can be made within 30 days prior to the date fixed for the holding of an election of any kind in such wards. (K.S.A. 14-103; Code 1971, 1-106; Code 1999, 5-202)