

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.)

§ 6-102 ELECTION OF OFFICERS; COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF OFFICE; OATH OF OFFICE.

(a) The city, by the power vested in it by Art. 12, § 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 the 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 as set forth herein. 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. 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 case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the President of the Council shall become Mayor until the next regular election for that office and a vacancy shall occur in the office of the Council member becoming Mayor.

(g) Any person desiring to become a candidate for city office elected at large shall file with the County Election Officer, before the filing deadline, established in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, a declaration of candidacy on a form furnished by the County Election Officer, as specified by the Secretary of State. The nomination petition must be signed by 25 qualified electors of the city.
(Charter Ord. 11, passed 9-24-2015)

