

Chapter 31--General and Special Elections

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

1. On the first Tuesday in April of even numbered years an election shall be held by the qualified voters of each ward in the City for Mayor, Police Chief, Collector, and for one Alderman for each ward, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of two (2) years and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

2. On the first Tuesday in April of odd numbered years an election shall be held by the qualified voters of each ward of this City for one Alderman for each ward, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of two (2) years and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

31.020. Filing of candidates. Any person desiring to seek election for any 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 not earlier than the 13th Tuesday nor later than the ninth (9th) Tuesday preceding the day of the next general City election. The Clerk shall keep a permanent record of the names of the candidates, the offices for which they seek election and the day of their filing, and their names shall appear on the ballots in that order.

31.030. Same; qualifications challenged. Any person who is not qualified for his office as provided by this Code 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 Board of Aldermen 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.

31.040. List of candidates; publication or posting. Not later than 5:00 p.m. on the eighth (8th) Tuesday prior to any election, except a special election, the City Clerk shall notify the election authorities responsible for calling the election. The notice shall be in writing, shall specify the name of the officer or agency calling the election and shall include a certified copy of the legal notice to be published.

1. The list of candidates published by the City Clerk shall be arranged in the order and form in which they will be printed upon the ballot.

31.050. Notice of election. The Mayor shall give at least twenty (20) days' notice of a City election, by advertisement in some newspaper circulated in the City or by printed handbills posted up in at least seven (7) public places in each ward, stating therein the time and place of holding such election and what officers are to be elected; but, if the Mayor should fail, neglect or refuse to give such notice in the time required by this

section, such election shall nevertheless be held, and shall in all respects be legal in the same manner as if such notice had been given as required by this section.

31.060. Special elections. Special elections for any lawful purpose may be held and called by ordinance at a time to be stated therein, upon such notification requirements as set forth in V.A.M.S. S115.125 and S115.127.

31.070. Same. All special elections shall be held and governed under and by the same rules that are provided for holding general elections; elections to authorize the issuance of bonds shall be conducted in the manner required by state law.