

**ORDINANCE #23-08**  
**CITY OF RAMSEY**  
**ANOKA COUNTY**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF  
RAMSEY, MINNESOTA CHAPTER 4 – ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS**

The City of Ramsey ordains:

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY**

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority of the City Charter of the City of Ramsey and such authority as it is given under Minnesota Statutes Section 410.12, subdivision 7.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 4 OF THE CITY CHARTER**

The Section 4 of the City of Ramsey Charter is amended to read as follows (additions indicated by underline, deletions indicated by strikethrough):

**“Sec. 4.5 – Vacancy of municipal elected office.**

4.5.4 ~~In the case of a vacancy where there remains less than 365 days in the unexpired term, the council shall, by a majority vote, appoint a successor to serve for the remainder of said term. In the case of a tie vote of the council, the mayor, or acting mayor if the office of mayor be vacant, shall make the appointment from the candidates involved in the tie vote.~~

If a special election has been called to fill a vacancy in an elected office of the city, and no candidates filed an affidavit of candidacy prior to the expiration of the period for filing an affidavit of candidacy, the special election shall be cancelled. In the event that such a cancellation occurs the council may, by unanimous vote of all current members of the city council, appoint a successor to serve until a successor elected at a special election held pursuant to this section is qualified. If a subsequent attempt to hold a special election would occur in the fourth year of the vacant term, no special election would be held. The council may appoint a successor according to Sec. 4.5.6 of this chapter.

4.5.6 ~~If there are insufficient numbers of candidates in a regular or special election to fill expiring or vacated municipal offices, the city council shall fill said offices by appointment until the next regular municipal election. In the case of a tie vote of the council, the mayor shall make said appointment from the candidates under consideration.”~~

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**SECTION 3. SUMMARY**

The following official summary of Ordinance #23-08 has been approved by the City Council of the City of Ramsey as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance. “Ordinance #23-08 amends Chapter 4 – Elections and Nominations of the Ramsey City Charter.”

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance becomes effective 90 days after its passage and publication as provided by Minnesota Statutes Section 410.12, Subdivision 7, as may be modified by any action undertaken pursuant to City of Ramsey Charter Section 5.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Ramsey, Minnesota, the \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2023.

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk