

CHAPTER 4. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 4.01. The Regular Municipal Election.

The regular municipal election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even numbered year at such place or places as the City Council may designate. The City Clerk shall give at least two (2) weeks previous notice of the time and place of holding such election and of the officers to be elected by posting in the City Clerk's office and on the City website and by publication at least once in the official newspaper, but failure to give such notice shall not invalidate such election.

(Amended, Bill 1994-4; Bill No. 2013-6)

Section 4.02. Primary Election.

On the second Tuesday in August preceding the regular municipal election there shall be a primary election for the selection of two nominees for each elected office at the regular municipal election unless no more than two nominees file for each elective office. The City Clerk shall give at least two weeks previous notice of the time and place of holding such election and of the officers to be elected by posting in at least one public place in each voting precinct and by publication at least once in the official newspaper, but failure to give such notice shall not invalidate such election.

Amended, Bill 1975-12; Bill 1994-4; Bill 2010-3)

Section 4.03. Special Elections.

The Council may by resolution order a special election and provide all means for holding it. At least two weeks published notice of a special election shall be given in the official newspaper. The procedure of such election shall conform as nearly as possible to that prescribed for other municipal elections.

Section 4.04. Nomination by Petition.

All candidates for elective office provided for by this Charter shall be nominated by petition. The name of any registered voter of the City shall be printed upon the ballot as a candidate for an office whenever a petition signed by at least ten registered voters has been filed with the City Clerk in a candidate's behalf within the time period provided by state law for such filings. No registered voter shall sign petitions for more candidates for any office than the number of persons to be chosen for that office at the election; should a signer do so, the signer's signature shall be void as to the petition or petitions last filed. Each petition presented shall be accompanied by a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) filing fee.

(Amended, Bill 1987-8, Bill 1994-4)

Section 4.05. Nomination Petitions.

We, the undersigned registered voters of the City of Richfield, hereby nominate, _____ whose residence is _____, for the office of _____, to be voted for at the primary election to be held on the _____ day of _____, 19____, and/or the regular municipal election to be held on the _____ day of _____, 19____, and we individually certify that we are qualified registered voters and that we have not signed more nomination petitions of candidates for this office than there are persons to be elected thereto.

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Section 2.01 Procedure At Elections

Except as otherwise provided in this Charter or an ordinance adopted pursuant hereto, the general laws of the State of Minnesota pertaining to elections shall apply to Municipal elections. Subject to the provisions of this charter and applicable State laws, the Council may by ordinance and resolution further regulate the conduct of municipal elections.

Section 2.02 Regular Municipal Elections

A regular municipal election will be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even numbered year. The City Clerk shall give at least two weeks notice of the time and place of holding said election and of the officers to be elected at said election by publishing said notice at least once in the newspaper of general circulation in the City. However, failure to give such notice shall not invalidate said election.

Section 2.03 Special Elections

The Council may by resolution order a special election and provide all means for holding it. The City Clerk shall give at least two weeks notice of the time and place of holding said election and of the officers to be elected at said election by publishing said notice at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. However, failure to give such notice shall not invalidate said election. The procedure at such special election shall conform as nearly as possible to that prescribed for regular municipal elections.

Section 2.04 Primary Elections

On the date indicated by State Law preceding any general City election or on the third Tuesday preceding any special election held for the purpose of election of City officials, an election of nominees hereinafter designated as the "primary election" shall be held in each voting precinct for the selection of candidates for all elective offices within the City of Hastings to be filled at such ensuing election. A primary election shall only be called in the event that three (3) or more qualified persons have filed for the same ward council seat or the Mayor's position. When both at-large council seats are to be filled, a primary election shall be called only in the event five or more qualified persons have filed for the at-large council seats. In the event only one at-large council seat is to be filled, a primary shall be called only in the event three or more qualified persons have filed for the at-large council seat. The City Clerk shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, at least once, a notice of the primary election which shall state the time and place of holding such election and of the officers to be elected at said election. At said primary election there shall be nominated by the qualified electors of the City, two candidates for each office to be filled within the City at the next ensuing general or special election.