

### **Ballot Proposition 3- Election Alignment**

**It is proposed that the following sections be amended to align with Missouri Statutes which designate the April election as the General Municipal Election Day intended for local municipal election ballot items and avoid additional costs that could be incurred for special elections.**

#### **Section 4.7 VACANCIES; CENSURE/FORFEITURE OF OFFICE; FILLING OF VACANCIES.**

**(c) FILLING OF VACANCY** - If a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor, the President of the Board of Aldermen shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the office until **a Mayor is elected at the next general municipal election.** ~~a special municipal election is held for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term. Said election shall be called for the next legally available election day, except that when the vacancy occurs within twelve (12) months immediately preceding the expiration of the Mayor's term, the President of the Board of Aldermen shall continue to act as Mayor until a Mayor is elected at the general municipal election.~~

#### **Section 8.3 DETERMINATION OF ELECTION RESULTS.**

**(c) GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS TIE VOTE.** If at any general or special election there shall be two (2) or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes as certified by the St. Louis County Board of Elections ~~Commissioners~~, and if that number of votes would otherwise qualify each such tied candidate for election to office, then ~~the Board of Aldermen shall call a special election at the next available election date at which said candidates shall be the only candidates~~ **those tied votes will be handled in accordance with Missouri law.**

#### **Section 9.1 GENERAL AUTHORITY.**

**(a) INITIATIVE.** If the Board of Aldermen fails to adopt an ordinance so proposed without any change in substance, the qualified voters may adopt or reject it at ~~a city~~ **the next general municipal election.**

**(b) REFERENDUM.** If the Board of Aldermen fails to repeal an ordinance so reconsidered, the qualified voters may approve or reject it at ~~a city~~ **the next general municipal election.**

#### **Section 9.7 ACTIONS ON PETITIONS.**

**(b) SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS.** The vote by the qualified voters of the city on a proposed or referred ordinances shall be held on the next ~~legally available~~ **general municipal** election date following the expiration of the date for final action by the Board of Alderman.

#### **Section 9.8. RESULTS OF ELECTION.**

**(a) INITIATIVE.** If conflicting ordinances are approved at the same election, the one receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes shall prevail to the extent of such conflict. In the event of a tie, ~~there shall be a run-off election to be held on the next legally available election date~~ **the Board of Aldermen will vote to determine which ordinance prevails.**

### **Section 10.3 PETITION.**

**(a) NUMBER OF SIGNATURES.** A petition for recall of the Mayor shall be signed by that number of qualified voters of the city equal to at least twenty percent (20%) of the total number of voters registered to vote at the last general ~~city~~ **municipal** election. A petition for recall of a member of the Board of Aldermen shall be signed by that number of qualified voters eligible to vote at the recall election equal to at least twenty percent (20%) of the total number of voters registered to vote at the last general ~~city~~ **municipal** election in that member's ward.

### **Section 10.6 ACTION ON PETITION.**

**(a) SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS.** When a recall petition has been finally determined as sufficient, the Board of Aldermen shall at its next regular meeting after receipt of such final determination, **announce that the recall petition will be submitted to the voters at the next general municipal election** ~~fix a date for holding the election at the next legally available election date.~~

### **Section 13.7 CHARTER AMENDMENT.**

The Board of Aldermen shall at once provide by ordinance that any amendment so proposed shall be submitted to the voters at the next **general municipal** election held in the city not less than sixty (60) days after its passage, or at a special election held as provided for a Charter.