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CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 27

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF HERINGTON, KANSAS, FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 14-1204, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS, THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE, TRANSITIONS TO NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, AND NOMINATION PETITIONS; AND, PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT; AND REPEALING ANY OTHER PARTS OF EXISTING CHARTER ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HERINGTON, KANSAS:

Section 1. The City of Herington, Kansas, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution hereby elects to and does exempt itself and make inapplicable to it the provisions of **K.S.A. 14-1204** that apply to this city, but are parts of enactments which do not apply uniformly to all cities.

Section 2. (a) The governing body shall consist of five Commissioners to be elected to terms as set forth herein. The Commissioners shall be residents and qualified electors of the City of Herington, Kansas.

(b) The governing body of the city may, by ordinance, divide the city into wards and precincts, establish the boundaries thereof, and number the same. No ordinance redefining wards and precincts shall become effective less than 30 days prior to the next regular city election.

Section 3. 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 2018, shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2019, when the city officials elected in the November 2018 general election take office. Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2019, shall expire when the city officials elected in the November 2019 general election take office.

Section 4. A general election of city officers take place on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November 2017. Succeeding elections will be held every year for all such governing body positions whose terms have expired. The Commissioners shall hold their offices for a term of three (3) years.

Section 5. In accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, any person may become a candidate for city office elected at large by having had filed on their behalf, a nomination petition or a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by any fee required by law. The nomination petition must be signed by five percent (5%) of the qualified electors of the City of Herington.

Section 7. All elections for the City of Herington, Kansas shall be nonpartisan.

Section 8. This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

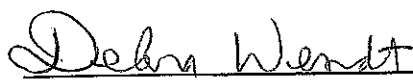
Section 9. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after the final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed, requiring a referendum to be held on the ordinance as provided by Article 12, Section 5, Subsection (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this charter Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members elect voting in favor thereof, this 4th day of October, 2016.



Kat Souza, Mayor

Attest:



Debra Wendt, City Clerk

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