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Sec. 8-1. Forego annual municipal elections for six years if the number of candidates filing equal the number of seats up for election.

The Municipal Clerk and all other officers of the municipality are hereby authorized and directed to authorize the appropriate election officer of the State of Missouri to issue the necessary lawful notices and prepare the appropriate ballots in order to submit the provisions of this Ordinance to the voters of the municipality for their approval or rejection at an election to be held on April 7, 2015. The ballot language shall be:

Shall the _____ of _____, Missouri, be authorized to forgo annual elections if the number of candidates who have filed for a particular office is equal to the number of positions in the office to be filed by the election.

The voter who desires to vote in favor of said tax shall place a cross mark (x) in the square opposite the word "YES" (or in the case of the use of voting machines shall pull the lever so as to place a cross mark (x) in such square opposite said word). The voter who desires to vote against said ordinance shall place a cross mark (x) in the square opposite the word "NO" (or in the case of voting machines shall pull the lever so as place a cross mark (x) in the square opposite said word).

If the majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters are in favor of the question, then the municipality shall conduct its municipal elections for the following six years immediately thereafter in accordance with Section 115.124 RSMo.. At the end of such six-year period it shall be prohibited from conducting elections in such a manner unless another election is held and the issue is again approved by the majority of the qualified voters.

If no election is held for such office as provided in this section the election authority shall publish a notice containing the names of the candidates that shall assume the responsibilities of office under this section. Such notice shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation as defined in Section 493.050 RSMo. By the first of the month in which the election would have occurred, had it been contested.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

(Ord. 190, §1-4)

