

## Chapter 7

### ELECTIONS

**Section 7-1. Wards.** [Ord. No. 933 §1; Ord. No. 1326 §2, 11-18-1997]

The boundaries of Wards No. 1, 2, and 3 of the City of Eureka are hereby changed to encompass the areas described below; as indicated on the ward district boundary map which is on file in the City Clerk's office.

- (a) All that area of the City of Eureka lying and situated north of the north right-of-way line of Interstate Highway I-44 and west of the west right-of-way line of Highway 109 with the exception of the area identified as being in Ward Number 2 which is north of Interstate Highway I-44 and west of Highway 109 is hereby designated as comprising Ward Number 1.
- (b) All that area of the City of Eureka lying and situated east of the east right-of-way lines of State Highway "W" and State Highway 109, with the addition of the area west of the west right-of-way line of Highway 109 beginning at the southern boundary of the property identified by St. Louis County Locator Number 28V320101, and continuing in a northwesterly direction following the boundary of the Rockwood School District property identified by St. Louis County Locator Number 28V330045, and including the Emerald Forest Subdivision is hereby designated as comprising Ward Number 2.
- (c) All that area of the City of Eureka lying and situated south of the south right-of-way line of Interstate Highway I-44 and west of the east right-of-way line of State Highway "W", is hereby designated as comprising Ward No. 3.

**Section 7-2. Date of General Election; Officers to be Elected.** [Ord. No. 936 §2; Ord. No. 1327 §1, 12-2-1997; Ord. No. 1659 §§3-4, 11-19-2002]

The general election for the elective officers of the City shall be held on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in April of each year. This election shall be known as the annual general City election. The officers to be elected at such election shall be as follows:

- (a) There shall be elected a mayor, a marshal and a collector at every other odd-year election. The mayor, marshal and collector shall each serve for a term of four (4) years.
- (b) There shall be elected one (1) alderman from each ward at the odd-year election. Each alderman shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

- (c) There shall be elected one (1) alderman from each ward at the even-year election. Each alderman shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

**Section 7-3. Special Elections to Fill Vacancies in Office.** [Ord. No. 140 §2]

Special elections, when called by the Mayor, or the person occupying the office of Mayor, to fill a vacancy in an elective office shall be provided for by ordinance or resolution of the Board of Aldermen, as it is in the case of any other election. Special elections to fill a vacancy or other purpose shall be conducted the same as other elections in all respects.

**Section 7-4. Declaration of Candidacy.** [Ord. No. 927 §1; Ord. No. 1266 §1, 11-19-1996]

- (a) A candidate for any elective office in the City of Eureka, Missouri, shall, not sooner than 8:00 A.M. on the fifteenth (15th) Tuesday prior to the election and not later than 5:00 P.M. on the eleventh (11th) Tuesday prior to the election, file a written Declaration of Candidacy with the City Clerk of Eureka, Missouri, on a form provided by the City Clerk.
- (b) The Declaration of Candidacy provided for in Subsection (a) hereof must be actually received and accepted in person in the office of the City Clerk of Eureka, Missouri, by 5:00 P.M. on the eleventh (11th) Tuesday prior to the election. Only the names of such declared and accepted candidates shall appear on the official election ballot.

**Section 7-5. Certification of List of Candidates.** [Ord. No. 140 §4; Ord. No. 1266 §1, 11-19-1996]

The City Clerk shall certify to the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners by the tenth (10th) Tuesday prior to the election the list of candidates and offices to be voted on in that election in the form prescribed by the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners.

**Section 7-6. Publication of Notice of Election.** [Ord. No. 140 §5; Ord. No. 205 §1; Ord. 2294 §1, 2-18-2014]

The City Clerk shall cause a notice of all elections to be given as required by the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.

**Section 7-7. Qualifications of Voters.** [Ord. No. 932, §2]

All citizens of the United States, over the age of eighteen (18) years, who are residents of the State and the City, and no other persons, shall be entitled to vote at all City elections, unless such persons are excluded from voting as provided in Section 115.133, RSMo. Provided, that if the election is one for which registration is required that such person must be registered no later than 5:00 P.M., or the normal closing time of any public building where the registration is being held if such time is later than 5:00 P.M., on the third (3rd) Wednesday prior to the election. In no case shall registration for an election extend beyond 10:00 p.m. on the third (3rd) Wednesday prior to the election. Provided

further, that if the election is one for which registration is not required, that such person must have been a resident of the City for thirty (30) days next preceding the election for which such person offers to vote. Provided further, that where registration is required that such a person is registered upon the registration books of the Board of Election Commissioners of the County and thereby shown to be qualified as a voter at elections under the jurisdiction of the Board. Provided further, that each voter shall vote in the ward in which he resides.

**Section 7-8. Hours Polling Places to be Open.** [Ord. No. 140, §7]

The polling places shall be open from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

**Section 7-9. Conduct of Elections Generally.** [Ord. No. 140, §8]

All elections shall be conducted by the county board of election commissioners in a manner prescribed by such regulations as the board of election commissioners may promulgate from time to time with reference to the conduct of the elections by cities of the fourth class in the county. The responsibility for judges, polling books, ballots, preserving ballot boxes, establishing polling places, etc., shall be the sole responsibility of the board of election commissioners.