

**CITY OF FRONTENAC
CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04
ELECTIONS & OFFICERS**

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF FRONTENAC, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 14-103, K.S.A. 14-201, AND K.S.A. 14-204, RELATING TO THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICERS, THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE, THE FILLING OF GOVERNING BODY VACANCIES, TRANSITIONS TO NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, AND NOMINATION PETITIONS; AND, PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISION ON THE SAME SUBJECT; AND REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE SAME, SPECIFICALLY CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 2017-02(C) AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO.

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

Section 1. The City of Frontenac, 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 non-applicable to it the provisions of K.S.A. 14-103, K.S.A. 14-201, and K.S.A. 14-204, 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 a Mayor and eight (8) Council Members to be elected to terms as set forth herein. The Mayor and Council Members shall be residents and qualified electors of the City of Frontenac, Kansas.

(b) The Governing Body of the City is divided into Four (4) wards, with established boundaries, the Council Members shall consist of two (2) elected residents of each of the Four (4) wards, serving staggered four (4) year terms. The position of Mayor serves a two (2) year term. No ordinance redefining wards shall become effective less than thirty (30) days prior to the next regular City election.

Section 3. Those Governing Body positions with terms expiring in April 2019, shall instead expire on the second Monday in January 2020, when the city officials elected in the November general election of 2019 take office.

Section 4. A general election of city officials will take place on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of 2019. The succeeding elections will be held every two years for all such Governing Body positions whose terms are expiring. Each ward shall elect two (2) Council Members while the Mayor shall be elected at large. All Governing Body members (except the Mayor as set forth in Section 2(b) hereinabove) shall have four (4) year terms. All elections for the City of Frontenac, Kansas shall be non-partisan.

Section 5. Any person desiring to become a candidate for elected city office shall file with the County Election Officer, before June 1st, a declaration of candidacy on a form furnished by the County Election Officer as specified by the Secretary of State. If candidacy is filed via nomination petition, the petition must be signed by at least five percent (5%) of the qualified electors in the corresponding ward for a Council Seat, or of all qualified electors for the position of Mayor of the City of Frontenac.

Section 6. The Mayor shall appoint, by and with the consent of the council, city officers in the positions of Judge of the Municipal Court and City Attorney for the term of one (1) year. Such officers shall be appointed by the Mayor on the second meeting of the governing body in January of each year.

Section 7. No person shall be eligible for the office of Council Member who is not at the time of filing and election an actual resident of the ward from which elected. If any Council Member moves from the ward from which elected, the office shall be deemed vacant. Whenever a vacancy occurs, the Governing Body shall appoint an elector of the ward where the vacancy occurs to be Council Member for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Governing Body shall appoint an elector to fill a vacancy within sixty (60) days of the vacancy. If the Governing Body fails to fill the vacancy within sixty (60) days, the City shall hold an election to fill the vacancy within sixty (60) days.

Section 8. The Mayor of the City of Frontenac, Kansas, only votes in the event to break a tie, otherwise the Mayor is a non-voting member of the Governing Body. Each February of even-numbered years, or upon a change in membership of Governing Body, the Council shall elect from its membership a President of the Council. The President of the Council shall preside in the absence of the Mayor. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Mayor by death, resignation, removal from the City, removal from office, refusal to qualify, or otherwise, the President of the Council shall vacate his seat as a Council Member and become the Mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term. Thereupon, the Council shall elect from its membership a new President of the Council. The vacancy created upon the Council President becoming the Mayor shall be filled pursuant to Section 7 above.

Section 9. This Charter Ordinance shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper and shall repeal any prior Ordinance(s) in conflict with the same.

Section 10. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect sixty-one (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 the ordinance shall become effective if approved by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE GOVERING BODY OF FRONTENAC, KANSAS,
voting in favor of this Charter Ordinance this 5th day of March, 2018.

Linda K. Grilz, Mayor

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

Jayme Mjelde, City Clerk