

CHAPTER 6.
ELECTIONS

Section 6-1. Annual General Election.

The general election in the City of Nixa shall be held the first Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in April of each year at places designated by the Christian County Clerk for the holding of such election in each ward of said City. (#1096 8/99)

Section 6-2. Officers to be Elected.

At the general election in said City in April, 1990, and every two years thereafter, the following officers shall be elected: the Mayor and one Alderman in each ward who shall hold office for a term of two years, or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

At the general election in said City in April, 1991, and every two years thereafter, the following officers shall be elected: the Municipal Judge and one Alderman in each ward who shall hold office for a term of two years, or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

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Section 6-3. Certificates of Election.

Within five days after the close of each City or ward election, the City Clerk, after certification from the election authority, shall issue certificates of election to the persons having highest number of votes for their respective offices.

Section 6-4. Oath of Office.

Each officer so elected shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, within ten days from the date of his election, take and subscribe to an oath that he will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Missouri, the ordinances of the City of Nixa, and the laws of the state governing the cities of the fourth class, that he is not indebted to the City of Nixa in any manner, and that he will faithfully demean himself in his office, and discharge his duties according to the ordinances of the City of Nixa.

Section 6-5. Vacancy of Office.

When a vacancy shall occur in any elective office, the Mayor, or person exercising the duties of Mayor, shall order a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen

where a successor to the vacant office shall be selected. The Mayor or person exercising the duties of Mayor, by and with the consent of the Board of Aldermen, shall appoint some person duly qualified to fill such vacancy. The successor shall serve until the next regular City election.

Section 6-6. Acting President of the Board; Appointment of Officers.

As soon as may be possible after the annual City election, the Board of Aldermen shall elect one of their members President of the Board of Aldermen, who, in the Mayor's absence, shall act as such and be styled "Acting President of the Board of Aldermen". The Mayor, by and with the consent of the Board of Aldermen, shall appoint a City Attorney, and City Engineer.

Section 6-7. Regular Meeting of Board.

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen shall be on the evening of the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., and the Mayor or any two Aldermen shall have power to call a special meeting at any time they deem proper to the best interest of the City.

Section 6-8. Changing Regular Meeting of Board.

The Board of Aldermen shall have power at any regular meeting to change the time of meeting, by ordinance, to any time they deem best, provided that all members of said Board shall be present when said ordinance is passed.

Section 6-9. Qualifications of Voters.

No person shall be eligible to vote at any City election held for the election of City officers who does not have the qualifications of a voter at the general state and county elections.

Section 6-10. Nomination of Candidates.

At any general or special election held in the City of Nixa, Missouri, to fill any of the offices of said City, the parties seeking said office shall be nominated as follows:

- A. Any person desiring to be a candidate for the office of Mayor shall present a petition signed by at least 16 qualified voters of the City of Nixa, and shall present the same to the City Clerk of the City of Nixa, Missouri, by the date prescribed by the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. (#1119 4/00).

- B. Any person desiring to be a candidate for the office of Alderman shall present a petition signed by at least 8 qualified voters of the City of Nixa, and shall present the same to the City Clerk of the City of Nixa, Missouri, by the date prescribed by the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. (#1119 4/00).

Section 6-11. Determination of Nomination.

Upon receipt of the petition of any person desiring to be elected to any office of the City of Nixa, by the City Clerk, said City Clerk shall at once determine if the required number of qualified voters have signed said petition and, if he shall find that said petition is properly signed, he shall cause the name of such person to be placed upon the ballot.

Section 6-12. Highest Number of Votes.

The person receiving the highest number of votes cast at said general election shall be declared elected to said office.

Section 6-13. Division of City into Wards for Elections.

The City of Nixa shall be and is hereby subdivided into three (3) wards for election purposes, and that Ward I shall be and contain all the territory within the corporate limits of the City of Nixa lying north of a line that begins at the center line of Highway 14 at the west city limits and continues east to the center line of Highway 160 then goes north to the center line of Lorene Street then east to the center of Main Street, then south to the center line of North Street then east to the east city limit boundary. Ward II shall contain all of the territory within the corporate limits of the City of Nixa lying south and east of a line beginning at the center line of North Street beginning at the east city limits then continuing to the center line of Main Street then north to the center line of Northview Road then west to the center line of Highway 160 then south to the north boundary line of Pine Hill Subdivision Phase I then east to the center line of Main Street then south to the south city limits. Ward III contains all of the territory within the corporate limits of the City of Nixa lying south and west of a line beginning at the center line of Highway 14 at the west city limits then going east to the center line of Highway 160 then south to the north boundary line of Pine Hill Subdivision Phase I then east to the center line of Main Street then south to the south city limits. (#1427 5/06)