

## ARTICLE VI

### ELECTIONS

#### Section 6.01 REGULAR ELECTIONS

Regular City elections shall be held on the first Saturday in May, or on the closest date to the first Saturday in May permitted by the laws of the State of Texas.

Special Elections. The City Council by ordinance may call special elections as required or authorized by the laws of the State of Texas or this Charter; fix the time and place of holding these elections, and provide all means for holding such special elections, provided that every special election shall be held on a Saturday, or a uniform election date, unless otherwise provided by law or this Charter, except as required by this Charter or State Law, every special election shall be called and held as nearly as practicable according to the provisions governing regular elections.

#### Section 6.02 QUALIFIED VOTERS

All citizens qualified by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas to vote in the City shall be qualified voters of the City.

#### Section 6.03 REGULATION OF ELECTIONS

All municipal elections shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the general laws of Texas regulating the holding of elections. The City Council may by ordinance make rules and regulations consistent with this Charter or the general laws of the State of Texas for the conduct of elections or for the prevention of fraud in elections.

#### Section 6.04 FILING FOR OFFICE

- A. Any qualified citizen, who desires to become a candidate for City office, shall file with the City Secretary, a signed application for his or her name to appear on the ballot. This application must be filed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

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- B. In addition to all General Requirements for Application for a place on the ballot, as specified in the Texas Election Code, or any other requirements specified in the laws or Constitution of the State of Texas, a candidate must possess the qualifications specified in Section 3.02 of this Charter.
- C. Any elected City official who applied to become a candidate for an office or place, other than the one currently held, must resign, if the scheduled term of the office or place currently held would overlap with the one for which application is being made. The resignation must be announced at least thirty (30) days prior to the filing deadline, and the effective date of the resignation must be no later than the date of the related election. Any vacancy created by such resignation shall be filled at the related election.

#### Section 6.05

#### ELECTION BY PLURALITY

At any regular or special election for the City Council, including the office of Mayor, the candidate for each position or place who shall receive the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

#### Section 6.06

#### VOTER REGISTRATION LIST

The City Secretary shall obtain and maintain, from time to time as necessary and useful for the conduct of the City elections or other business of the City, a certified list of registered voters within the City as prepared by the County official having the responsibility for voter registration. Any organization, group or person has a right to copy the most current list of registered voters in the possession of the City Secretary.