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6-101. CITY ELECTIONS; TERM OF CITY OFFICES; OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS.

- (a) **Term of Office Extended.** The term of members of the governing body of the City of Leawood that would expire at any time in 2016 shall expire on the second Monday in January, 2018. The terms of members of the governing body of the City of Leawood that would expire at any time in 2018, shall expire on the date of the first regular meeting in January 2020.
- (b) **Elections in Odd-Numbered Years.** There shall be a general election on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of 2017 for the offices of all elected city officers completing their current terms of office in January of 2018. All elected city officers not then completing their current terms, shall continue to hold their respective offices until said terms are completed or said offices are otherwise vacated. Thereafter, the general election of city officers shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of every odd numbered year.
- (c) **Terms of Office and Qualifications.** The terms of office for all elected city officers shall commence on the date of the first regular meeting in January following certification of the election and shall be for four years. Each ward of the city shall have two councilmembers with staggered terms so that one councilmember from each ward shall be elected at each election by qualified voters. No person shall be eligible to the office of the councilmember who is not at the time of his or her election an actual resident of the ward for which he or she was elected. The office of Mayor shall be elected from the city at large. All elected officers shall be qualified electors of the City under the constitution of the State of Kansas. Code of the City of Leawood.

- (d) **Elections to be Nonpartisan.** All elections for the City of Leawood, Kansas shall be nonpartisan.

(Ord. 1755C; 11-02-98)

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(Ord. 2749C; 10-05-15)

(Ord. 2779C; 04-18-16)

(Ord. 2949C; 06-17-19)

- 6-101A. Candidacy Petition.** In accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, a person may become a candidate for municipal office by filing a declaration of intention to become a candidate, accompanied by the required fee or by having a nomination petition filed on their behalf. Nomination petitions for the position of Mayor must be signed by one percent [1%] of the qualified electors in the city. Nomination petitions for the position of councilmember must be signed by one percent [1%] of the qualified electors in the applicable ward. All filings shall be in accordance with the laws of Kansas.

(Ord. 2824C; 03-06-17)

- 6-102 EFFECT OF REDISTRICTING OF WARD BOUNDARIES ON COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP.** Whenever the residence of any councilmember shall be transferred from one ward of the City to another solely as a result of a change in the ward boundaries, said councilmember's office shall not become vacant and said councilmember shall be eligible to represent said ward from which he or she was elected or appointed until the next city election as long as he or she is otherwise qualified to serve as a councilmember. Then, at the next city election, a new qualified councilmember shall be elected to represent said ward. If at such time, the original term of said office is not yet expired, the newly elected councilmember shall be elected only to serve out the balance of the original unexpired term.

(Ord. 1755C; 11-2-98)