

Chapter 105

ELECTIONS

ARTICLE I **Generally**

Section 105.010. Conformance of City Elections With State Law.

All City elections shall be conducted and held in conformance with the provisions of Chapter 115, RSMo.

Section 105.020. Date of Municipal Election.

- A. A municipal election for the qualified voters of this City shall be held on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in April of each year.
- B. On the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in April of odd-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the City of Houston Lake shall be held for the purpose of electing a Mayor who shall hold his/her office for a term of two (2) years and until his/her successor is elected and qualified.
- C. On the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in April of odd-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the City of Houston Lake shall be held for the purpose of electing one (1) Alderman from each ward who shall hold his/her office for a term of two (2) years and until his/her successor is elected and qualified.
- D. On the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in April of even-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the City of Houston Lake shall be held for the purpose of electing one (1) Alderman from each ward who shall hold his/her office for a term of two (2) years and until his/her successor is elected and qualified.

Section 105.030. Declaration of Candidacy — Dates for Filing.

Any person who desires to become a candidate for an elective City office at the general City election shall file with the City Clerk, not prior to the hour of 8:00 A.M. on the sixteenth (16th) Tuesday prior to nor later than 5:00 P.M. on the eleventh (11th) Tuesday prior to the next City municipal election, a written declaration of his/her intent to become a candidate at said election. The City Clerk shall keep a permanent record of the names of the candidates, the offices for which they seek election, and the date of their filing, and their names shall appear on the ballots in that order.

Section 105.035. Candidates for Municipal Office — No Arrearage for Municipal Taxes or User Fees Permitted.

No person shall be a candidate for municipal office unless such person complies with the provisions of Section 115.346, RSMo., regarding payment of municipal taxes or user fees.

Section 105.040. Declaration of Candidacy — Notice to Public.

The City Clerk shall, on or before the sixteenth (16th) Tuesday prior to any election at which City offices are to be filled by said election, notify the general public of the opening filing date, the office or offices to be filled, the proper place for filing, and the closing filing date of the election. Such notification may be accomplished by legal notice published in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the City.

Section 105.050. Declaration of Candidacy — Form.

The form of said written declaration of candidacy shall be substantially as follows:

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

STATE OF MISSOURI)

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COUNTY OF PLATTE)

I, _____, being first duly sworn, state that I reside at _____, City of Houston Lake, County of Platte, Missouri; that I am a qualified voter; that I do hereby declare myself a candidate for the office of _____, to be voted upon at the municipal election to be held on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in April, _____, and I meet all the qualifications required of a candidate for said office, and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for said election for said office and state that I will serve as such officer, if elected.

Signed:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

City Clerk
City of Houston Lake

(SEAL)

Section 105.060. Notice of Elections.

In City elections, the City Clerk shall notify the Board of Election Commissioners prior to 5:00 P.M. on the tenth (10th) Tuesday prior to any City election except as noted in Section 115.125.1,

RSMo. The notice shall be in writing, shall specify that the Board of Aldermen is calling the election, the purpose of the election, the date of the election, and shall include a certified copy of the legal notice to be published including the sample ballot. The notice and any other information required by this Section may, with the prior notification to the election authority receiving the notice, be accepted by facsimile transmission prior to 5:00 P.M. on the tenth (10th) Tuesday prior to the election, provided that the original copy of the notice and a certified copy of the legal notice to be published shall be received in the office of the election authority within three (3) business days from the date of the facsimile transmission.

ARTICLE II Wards

Section 105.070. Wards.

[Ord. No. 42 §2, 1-12-1961]

The boundaries of the respective wards shall be:

FIRST WARD — The First (1st) or South Ward shall consist of all that area of the City lying south of a line projected from a point in the City limits halfway between Lot 10 and Lot 58, southeasterly through the lake area and bisecting the center of the dam to the City limits.

SECOND WARD — The Second (2nd) or North Ward shall consist of all that area of the City lying north of a line projected from a point in the City limits halfway between Lot 10 and Lot 58, southeasterly through the lake area and bisecting the center of the dam to the City limits.