

CHAPTER VI. ELECTIONS

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ARTICLE 1. CITY ELECTIONS

- 6-101. CONDUCT OF ELECTION. The election of city officials shall be conducted in all respects as provided by the laws of Kansas governing the holding of city elections. (K.S.A. 25-2101 et seq.; Code 2015)
- 6-102. HOURS OF VOTING. At all city elections the polls shall be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m., unless different hours are set and publicly announced by the county election officer. (K.S.A. 25-2111, K.S.A. 26-206; Code 2015)
- 6-103. COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF OFFICE; OATH OF OFFICE. (a) The term of office for newly elected city officials shall commence with and include the first regular meeting of the governing body following certification of the election by the county election officer.
(b) Every person elected or appointed to city office, before entering upon the duties of such office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation as specified in K.S.A. 54-106, and amendments thereto, and every such oath or affirmation shall be filed with the city clerk.
(K.S.A. 25-2120; Code 2015)
- 6-104. ELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBERS; POSITIONS AND TERMS. At the first regular city election in April of 2005 following the adoption of the provisions of the Modified Mayor-Council Form of Government Act as stated in K.S.A. 12-10a01 through K.S.A. 12-10a09 by the electors of the city, the member of the council elected at large receiving the greatest number of votes shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and the other two (2) members of the council elected at large shall hold office for terms of two (2) years. Of the members of the council elected by districts, those members elected from districts 1 and 3 shall hold office for terms of four (4) years and those members elected from districts 2 and 4 shall hold office for terms of (2) years. At all subsequent city elections the term for members of the council shall be for four years and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. (K.S.A. 12-10a04; C. O. No. 7; Code 2015)
- 6-105. ELECTION OF MAYOR; TERM. In April of 2005, after the first regular city election following the adoption of the provisions of the Modified Mayor-Council Form of Government Act as stated in K.S.A. 12-10a01 through K.S.A. 12-10a09 by the electors of the city, the mayor shall hold office for a term of 4 years. At all subsequent city elections the term for mayor shall be for four years and until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified.
(K.S.A. 12-10a04; Code 2015)

- 6-106. ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTIVE OFFICE. No person shall be eligible to any appointive office unless he or she shall be a bona fide resident of the city or of the territory within a ten (10) mile radius of such city prior to his or her appointment, except that the city may hire nonresident expert employees or appoint nonresidents as municipal judge, city attorney, or as law enforcement officers when deemed necessary by the governing body, including the appointment of nonresidents of another municipality or public agency. Nonresidents of the State of Kansas may be appointed as expert employees. Expert employees shall be defined to include the appointed offices of the Municipal Judge, City Attorney, and City Surveyor or such other positions requiring specialized expertise as shall be defined by and deemed necessary by the governing body.
(Code 2015)
- 6-107. OATH OF OFFICE. Every person elected or appointed to city office, before entering upon the duties of his or her office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation as specified in K.S.A. 54-106, and amendments thereto, and every such oath or affirmation shall be filed with the city clerk.
(Code 2015)

ARTICLE 2. VOTING DISTRICTS

- 6-201. VOTING DISTRICT MAP. The designation, location and boundaries of the voting districts of the City of Galena, Kansas, shall be shown on the map entitled "A Voting District Map of the City of Galena," date January 12, 2005, and signed by the mayor and city clerk and hereafter referred to as the "Voting District Map." (Ord. 05-03, Sec. 1; Code 2015)
- 6-202. EIGHT YEAR ADJUSTMENT OF VOTING DISTRICT MAP. In every eighth calendar year thereafter from January 12, 2005, in the month of January, the governing body of the city shall adjust district boundaries to reflect approximately equal population. (K.S.A. 12-10a03; Code 2015)