

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 17-01

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF GALENA, KANSAS, FROM THE PROVISIONS OF (K.S.A.14-103) AND/OR (K.S.A.14-201) AND/OR (K.S.A.14-204), RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE, TRANSITIONS TO NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS, AND NOMINATION PETITIONS; AND, PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT; AND REPEALING CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. ____.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF GALENA, KANSAS:

Section 1. The City of Galena, Kansas, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution here by elects to and does exempt itself and make inapplicable to it the provisions of (K.S.A.14-103) AND/OR (K.S.A.14-201) AND/OR (K.S.A.14-204), that apply to this city, but are parts of enactments which do not apply uniformly to all cities.

Section 2. (a) The governing body shall consist of a mayor and 7 council members to be elected to terms as set forth herein. The mayor and council members shall be residents and qualified electors of the City of Galena, Kansas.

(b) The governing body of the city may, by ordinance, divide the city into wards and precincts, establish the boundaries thereof, and number the same. No ordinance redefining wards and precincts shall become effective less than 30 days prior to the next regular city election.

Section 3. Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2017, shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2018, when the city officials elected in the November 2017 general election take office. Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2019, shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2020, when the city officials elected in the November 2019 general election take office.

Section 4. FOR CITIES WITH STAGGERED FOUR-YEAR TERMS IN ODD-YEARS. A general election of city officers take place on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November 2017. Succeeding elections will be held every two years for all such governing body positions whose terms have expired. One council member from each ward shall be elected at one election, and the other council member from that ward shall be elected at the succeeding election. The council members shall have four year terms. The Mayor shall have a four year term.

Section 5. The mayor shall appoint, by and with the consent of the council, a municipal judge of the municipal court, a chief of police, city clerk, city attorney, and any other officers deemed necessary. Any officers appointed and confirmed shall hold an initial term of office of not to exceed one year and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Any officers who are reappointed shall hold their offices for a term of one year and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The council shall by ordinance specify the duties and compensation of the office holders, and by ordinance may abolish any office created by the council whenever deemed expedient.

Section 6. In accordance with K.S.A.25-205, and amendments thereto, any person may become a candidate for city office elected at large by having filed on their behalf, a nomination petition or a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by any fee required by law. The nomination petition must be signed by five percent (5%) of the qualified electors of the City of Galena. Any person may become a candidate for city office elected by ward by having filed on their behalf, a nomination petition or a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by any fee required by law. The nomination petition must be signed by five percent (5%) of the qualified electors of the ward for which they seek position.

Section 7. This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

Section 8. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after the final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed, requiring a referendum to be held on the ordinance as provided by Article 12, Section 5, Subsection(c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this charter Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members elect voting in favor thereof, this 17 day of January, 2017.



Dale Oglesby

Mayor

Attest:



Renee Charles

City Clerk