

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

**APPROVING APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE VACANT WARD 5 COUNCIL SEAT
WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 2025**

WHEREAS, the City of Independence, Iowa is a duly organized municipality within Buchanan County; and

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting held on February 24, 2025, the Independence City Council made the motion to fill the council vacancy for the Ward 5 Council seat previously held by Tom Huston whose regular term expires December 31, 2025, with his passing on February 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, by authorization of the Code of the State of Iowa, Section 372.13(2), the remaining members of the City Council may fill the vacancy by appointment within 60 days after the vacancy occurs; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of the City of Independence City Council's intent to fill the vacant City Council seat by appointment was published in the "Bulletin Journal" on the 1st day of March 2025, in accordance with Section 372.13(2)(a) of the Code of the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, if within fourteen (14) days following an appointment there is filed a petition with the City Clerk requesting a special election, the appointment shall be temporary and the Council shall call a special election to fill the position permanently, consistent with Iowa Code Section 372.13(2)(b); and

WHEREAS, the Council finds the appointment of a replacement to fill the current vacancy is appropriate and in the best interests of the City of Independence, particularly in light of the fact that any person so appointed will be subject to election in November 2025, less than one year from the consideration of this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Independence City Council in session this 24th day of March 2025, that _____ is hereby appointed to fill the seat vacated by the passing of Ward 5 Council Member Tom Huston, to hold that position until the next regular city election currently scheduled for November 2025, unless there is a preceding special election.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- was passed and approved by a majority vote of the City Council of Independence, Iowa, on the 24th day of March 2025.

Record of Voting:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- declared passed and adopted by the Mayor on this 24th day of March 2025.

Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, IA

ATTEST:

Susi Lampe, IaCMC, IaCFO,
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Independence, IA