

City of Sedgwick
City Council Meeting
July 16, 2025

TO: Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Charter Ordinance No. 32

INITIATED BY: Administration

AGENDA: New Business

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Charter Ordinance No. 32.

Background: City Council first reviewed Charter Ordinance No. 32, an ordinance exempting the city from K.S.A. 15-204, as amended, relating to the appointment of City Officers, and providing substitute and additional provisions on the same subject on June 4, 2025. At that time, council directed staff to provide further information on the requested change.

During the June 18, 2025, workshop, staff brought forth supporting information and discussed redlined versions of Charter Ordinance No. 32. Before you tonight, is the final version of the ordinance that would align state statutes with today's current practice.

Financial Considerations: None.

Recommendations/Actions: It is recommended that the City Council approve Charter Ordinance No. 32 as presented.

Attachments: Charter Ordinance No. 32 draft

THE CITY OF SEDGWICK, KANSAS

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO.32

A CHARTER ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEDGWICK, KANSAS, EXEMPTING THE CITY FROM K.S.A. 15-204, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICERS, AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDGWICK, KANSAS:

SECTION 1: The City of Sedgwick, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to exempt itself from the provisions of K.S.A. 15-204, as amended, which enactment applies to this city but does not apply uniformly to all cities, presently providing for the timing of appointments, the manner of appointment, and term of office for the City of Sedgwick Kansas officers appointed as a municipal judge of the municipal court, a clerk, a treasurer, a marshal-chief of police, law enforcement officers, and such other officers as deemed necessary.

SECTION 2: The following is hereby substituted for that portion of K.S.A. 15-204 which provides for the appointment, duties, and removal of city officers and the Code of the City of Sedgwick Section 1-301, 1-302, and 1-303 are hereby amended as follows regarding the same:

1-301. Appointment.

The Mayor, by and with the consent of the council, shall appoint a city attorney and judge of the municipal court. Such officers shall hold their respective offices for an indefinite term. All such appointments shall be entered on the journal of proceedings of the council. The duties and salaries of all appointed officers shall be fixed by ordinance.

1-302. Department heads and employees; appointment and removal.

The city administrator shall:

- (a) Appoint all city department heads, including the city clerk, the chief of police the public works director, the fire chief and other such department heads as deemed necessary. The department head positions appointed by the city administrator are "Employees at Will." Department heads may be terminated at any time by the City Administrator provided that the City Administrator must first inform and obtain advice from the Governing Body regarding the intent to terminate such department head prior to their termination.
- (b) The city administrator shall have the authority to hire and terminate all other employees.

1-303. Removal.

- (a) A majority of all members of the governing body may remove any officer appointed pursuant to Section 1-301.
- (b) For good cause, the mayor may suspend any officer appointed pursuant to Section 1-301, and such officer may be removed with the consent of council.

SECTION 3: The City may enact, by ordinary ordinance, amendments to its City Code to substitute additional provisions related to the subject herein.

SECTION 4: This Charter Ordinance shall be published in its entirety once a week for (2) consecutive weeks in the official City Newspaper

SECTION 5: This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed and a referendum held on the Charter Ordinance as provided in Article 12, Section 5, subsection (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this Charter Ordinance shall become effective if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

ADOPTED by the Governing body of the City of Sedgwick, Kansas, not less than two-thirds of the voting members elect voting in favor thereof, on this 18th day of June, 2025.

Bryan Chapman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelia Agee, City Clerk

Roll Call Vote

A Roll Call Vote of the City of Sedgwick,
to exempt the City of Sedgwick, Kansas from the provisions of K.S.A. 15-204, and
any amendments thereto relating to the appointment of City officers, providing
substitute and additional provisions on the same subject

Charter Ordinance 32

Governing Body Member	Yes	No	No Vote
Brenda DeHaven			
Dan Hartman			
Jeremy Burkholder			
Kramer Siemens			
Josh Liby			
Total			

Certified:

City Clerk, City of Sedgwick