

CHAPTER 6.

ELECTIONS

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.

(Code 2008, § 6-101)

(K.S.A. 25-2101 et seq.)¹

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.

(Code 2008, § 6-102)

(K.S.A. 25-2111)

6-103. TERMS OF OFFICE.²

~~On the first Tuesday in April of 2016, there shall be elected a mayor and two council members for a term of 45 months. On the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of 2017 and every four years thereafter, there shall be elected three council members for a term of four years. The terms of council members elected in the April, 2014 election shall expire in January 2018 when the three council members elected in the November, 2017 election take office.~~

On the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of 2019 and every four years thereafter, there shall be elected a mayor and two council members for terms of four years.

The mayor and council members, ~~with the exception of those elected in April 2016 who shall hold their office for a term of 45 months,~~ shall hold their offices for four years or until their successors are elected, qualify and are sworn in.

(Code 2008, § 6-103; C.O. No. 17; Ord. No. 966, § 1, 11-12-2015)

6-104. ELECTION TIES.

¹ **Legal analysis: 6-101. CONDUCT OF ELECTION.** Revise this and other statutory history notes by placing them in standard state law reference format.

² **Legal analysis: 6-103. TERMS OF OFFICE.** Remove outdated language.

Whenever a tie shall occur in the vote on any of the aforesaid officers, the result shall be decided by lot by the judges of election.
(Code 2008, § 6-104; C.O. No. 6; Sec. 2)

6-105. 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.

(Code 2008, § 6-105)
(K.S.A. 25-2120)

6-106. DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY, NOMINATION PETITION.

Any person desiring to become a candidate for city office elected at large shall file with the county election officer, before the filing deadline, established in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, a declaration of candidacy on a form furnished by the county election officer as specified by the secretary of state. The nomination petition must be signed by 25 of the qualified electors of the City of Westwood or by a number of such qualified electors of the city equal to not less than 10% of the ballots cast at the last general election, whichever is less.

(Code 2008, § 6-106; C.O. No. 17; Ord. No. 966, § 2, 11-12-2015)

Sec. 6-107. Nonpartisan elections.

The election of all city officials appointed by election, including the office of the Mayor and all Council offices, shall be conducted in a nonpartisan manner.

(Ord. No. 978, § 2(6-107), 1-12-2017)