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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS CALLING FOR THE REGULAR ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY ELECT THREE (3) ALDERS, DESIGNATING A TIME OF HOLDING SAID ELECTION, PRESCRIBING THE INFORMATION FROM THE BALLOT TO BE USED, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO GIVE SUCH INFORMATION AND NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF GREENE COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 115 and Chapter 122 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, municipalities are authorized to conduct elections for local offices including Board of Alders positions, and said chapters outlines the procedures and requirements for such elections; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willard seeks to ensure transparency, fairness, and compliance with applicable state and local laws in the upcoming municipal election;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The annual City election shall be held on April 7, 2026 as provided by Missouri Revised Statutes with the polling places, judges, and clerks, as may be provided by the County Clerk, as the same is now set forth by the Missouri Revised Statutes.

Section 2: At the said election, the following offices shall be on the ballot and filled by the election for a term of office of two (2) years:

- One (1) Alderman for Ward I (two (2) year term)
- One (1) Alderman for Ward II (two (2) year term)
- One (1) Alderman for Ward III (two (2) year term)

Section 3: The filing period to be a candidate for any of the above offices to be filled is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, from Tuesday, December 9, 2025 through Tuesday, December 30, 2025, except December 23, 2025 through December 26, 2025.

Section 4: The City of Willard, Missouri, is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of said election to the County Clerk of Greene County who will be responsible for causing the same to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, a notice of the time, place of holding and purpose of said election. The County Clerk will determine the dates for said election to be published in accordance with the requirements of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

Section 5: The County Clerk of Greene County is hereby designated as the election authority for the administration of the election as his duties are defined and set forth in the Missouri Revised Statutes, as amended, and that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare

the necessary voter registration books and election forms and supplies and shall cause the same to be delivered to the judge of said election.

Section 6: The Acting City Clerk of the City of Willard is hereby authorized and directed to and did give notice of the vacancies to be filled by said election and of the filing deadline to be a candidate. Said notice was and is to be published at least once preceding the filing deadline of the 30th day of December, 2025.

Section 7: Savings Clause. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, nor any cause or causes of action occurred or existing, under any act or ordinance repealed hereby. Nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance. In the event of any conflict between this ordinance and any other law, regulation or ordinance, the more restrictive shall apply.

Section 8: Severability Clause. If any Section, subdivision, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Aldermen hereby declares that it would have adopted the ordinance and each Section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one (1) or more Sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phases be declared invalid.

Section 9: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage by the Board of Aldermen and approval of the Mayor.

Approved By:

Mayor Troy Smith

Attested By:

Rebecca Hansen, City Clerk