

Chapter 105

ELECTIONS

ARTICLE I In General

Section 105.010. Conformance of City Elections With State Law.

All City elections shall be conducted and held in conformance with the provisions of Chapter 115, RSMo.

Section 105.020. Date of Municipal Election. [R.O. 2013 §105.020; CC §31.010; CC 1991 §105.010]

- A. A municipal election for the qualified voters of this City shall be held on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in April of each year.
- B. On the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in April of even-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the City of Tarkio shall be held for the purpose of electing a Mayor who shall hold his/her office for a term of two (2) years and until his/her successor is elected and qualified.
- C. On the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in April of odd-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the City of Tarkio shall be held for the purpose of electing one (1) Alderman from each ward who shall hold his/her office for a term of two (2) years and until his/her successor is elected and qualified.
- D. On the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in April of even-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the City of Tarkio shall be held for the purpose of electing one (1) Alderman from each ward who shall hold his/her office for a term of two (2) years and until his/her successor is elected and qualified.

Section 105.030. Declaration of Candidacy — Dates for Filing.

Any person who desires to become a candidate for an elective City office at the general City election shall file with the City Clerk, not prior to the hour of 8:00 A.M. on the sixteenth (16th) Tuesday prior to, nor later than 5:00 P.M. on the eleventh (11th) Tuesday prior to the next City municipal election, a written declaration of his/her intent to become a candidate at said election. The City Clerk shall keep a permanent record of the names of the candidates, the offices for which they seek election, and the date of their filing, and their names shall appear on the ballots in that order.

Section 105.035. Candidates for Municipal Office — No Arrearage for Municipal Taxes or User

Fees Permitted. ¹

No person shall be a candidate for municipal office unless such person complies with the provisions of Section 115.346, RSMo., regarding payment of municipal taxes or user fees.

Section 105.040. Declaration of Candidacy — Notice to Public.

The City Clerk shall, on or before the sixteenth (16th) Tuesday prior to any election at which City offices are to be filled by said election, notify the general public of the opening filing date, the office or offices to be filled, the proper place for filing, and the closing filing date of the election. Such notification may be accomplished by legal notice published in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the City.

Section 105.050. Notice of Elections. ² [R.O. 2013 §105.060]

In City elections, the City Clerk shall notify the County Clerk prior to 5:00 P.M. on the tenth (10th) Tuesday prior to any City election except as noted in Section 115.125.1, RSMo. The notice shall be in writing, shall specify that the Board of Aldermen is calling the election, the purpose of the election, the date of the election, and shall include a certified copy of the legal notice to be published including the sample ballot. The notice and any other information required by this Section may, with the prior notification to the election authority receiving the notice, be accepted by facsimile transmission prior to 5:00 P.M. on the tenth (10th) Tuesday prior to the election, provided that the original copy of the notice and a certified copy of the legal notice to be published shall be received in the office of the election authority within three (3) business days from the date of the facsimile transmission.

Section 105.060. When to Take Office. [R.O. 2013 §105.070; CC §31.170; CC 1991 §105.050]

The Mayor and each Alderman shall enter upon their respective duties at the first (1st) meeting of the Board of Aldermen following the general City election at which they were elected. Provided, if the Mayor, City Collector or any Alderman shall fail to qualify as provided by law and ordinance, the incumbent shall hold his/her office until his/her successor shall qualify.

Section 105.070. Commissions. [R.O. 2013 §105.080; CC §31.180; CC 1991 §105.060]

The Mayor shall cause to be prepared and shall sign and issue commissions to all officers duly elected who have received certificates of election as provided by ordinance, and who have taken and subscribed to the oath required by law, and entered into a good and sufficient bond in all cases in which a bond is required by law or ordinance.

ARTICLE II
Voting Districts

Section 105.080. Wards. [R.O. 2013 §105.090; CC §§30.010 — 30.030; CC 1991 §105.080]

1. State Law Reference — As to disqualification for arrearage or delinquency in taxes and bonding requirements, §115.342, RSMo.

2. Editor's Note — The following places have a Board of Election Commissioners: St. Louis County, Jackson County, Clay County, Platte County, City of St. Louis and Kansas City.

- A. The City is hereby divided into two (2) Wards as hereinafter delineated.
1. *North.* Ward Number One shall be comprised of that portion of the City lying north of the centerline of Main Street, extending from the east boundary of the City to 10th Street and all that portion of the City lying north of the centerline of McNary Street extending from 10th Street to the west line of the City limits.
 2. *South.* The Second Ward shall include all of the City lying to the south of the First Ward.