Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 2, 2018

Re: April 2018 Municipal Election

Executive Summary

A council bill has been prepared to call the municipal election for April 3, 2018.

Discussion

Under the City Charter, a regular election for municipal officials is held every April. In April 2018, the election will be for council members for Wards 2 and 6. Each candidate for the Wards 2 and 6 positions must file a nominating petition signed by at least 50 but no more than 75 registered voters entitled to vote for the candidate. Nominating petitions for all candidates must be filed no later than January 9, 2018.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Fiscal impact unknown at this time. The cost is based on the various entities who have placed an item on the ballot for any particular election.   
  
The City's proportionate share for the April 2017 election was $18,634.06; twenty-nine (29) entities had items on the ballot for this election. The City of Columbia election item was for filling the positions of council members for Wards 1 and 5.   
   
Long-Term Impact: Not applicable.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/city-manager/)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/community_development/comprehensive_plan/documents/ColumbiaImagined-FINAL.pdf)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

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| Date | Action |
|  | An ordinance is passed annually for the April municipal elections. |

Suggested Council Action

Passage of the ordinance.