



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 4, 2016

Re: April 2015 Municipal Election

Executive Summary

A council bill has been prepared to call the municipal election for April 5, 2016.

Discussion

Under the City Charter, a regular election for municipal officials is held every April. In April 2016, the election will be for the council member-at-large (mayor) and council members for Wards 3 and 4. Each candidate for the council member-at-large position must file a nominating petition signed by at least 100 but no more than 150 registered voters; the candidates for the Wards 3 and 4 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 12, 2016.

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 2015 election was \$52,071.64; 19 entities had items on the ballot for this election. City of Columbia election items included filling council member positions for Wards 1, 2 and 6 as well as propositions for electric system revenue bonds, and stormwater utility charges.

Long-Term Impact: Not applicable.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

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

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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



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Legislative History

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

Suggested Council Action

Passage of the ordinance.

Introduced by _____

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. _____ B 4-16

AN ORDINANCE

calling the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, to elect Council Member-at-large (Mayor) and Council Members for Wards 3 and 4 for the City of Columbia; directing notification of the election authority; describing the form of ballot, and the form of notice of election; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, the general municipal election is hereby ordered to be held in the City of Columbia, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, to elect the following municipal officers:

Council Member-at-large (Mayor)
Council Member, Third Ward
Council Member, Fourth Ward

SECTION 2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Clerk of the County Commission of Boone County, Missouri, of the adoption of this ordinance no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2016, and to include in the notification all of the terms and provisions required by Chapter 115, RSMo. as amended.

SECTION 3. The form of the Notice of Election shall be substantially as set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part hereof as fully as if set forth herein verbatim. The City Clerk is directed to complete the Notice of Election by inserting the names of the candidates for each office in the order of the date their nominating petitions, sufficiently signed and attested, were filed with the Clerk.

SECTION 4. The election shall be held and conducted, and the results thereof canvassed and returned, in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2016

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

City of Columbia, Missouri

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Columbia, Missouri, that the City Council of the City has called an election to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, commencing at six o'clock a.m. and closing at seven o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing a Mayor and in Wards 3 and 4 for the purpose of electing Council Members for those wards. The following is a sample of the ballot that will be used at the election:

OFFICIAL BALLOT Municipal Election Tuesday, April 5, 2016

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Place an "X" in the square opposite the name of the person for whom you wish to vote. Vote for only one person.

COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE (MAYOR):

[names to be added by City Clerk] ☐

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Place an "X" in the square opposite the name of the person for whom you wish to vote. Vote for only one person.

COUNCIL MEMBER, THIRD WARD:

[names to be added by City Clerk] ☐

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Place an "X" in the square opposite the name of the person for whom you wish to vote. Vote for only one person.

COUNCIL MEMBER, FOURTH WARD:

[names to be added by City Clerk] ☐

The election will be held at the following polling places in the City:

[polling places to be added by election authority]

[Date to be added by election authority.]

[Name and title of election authority to be
added by election authority.]