

## ORDINANCE NO. 1196

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NEBRASKA RELATING TO THE PROCESS OF HOLDING GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS; TO AMEND SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1-722; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Chapter 1, Article 7, Section 1-722 of the Springfield Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

### **§1-722 ELECTIONS; CANDIDATE FILING FORMS; DEADLINES; FILING OFFICER; SPECIAL ELECTION REQUIREMENTS.**

(A) Any candidate may place his or her name on the primary election ballot by filing a candidate filing form prescribed by the Secretary of State as provided in division (B) below. If a candidate is an incumbent of any elective office, the filing period for filing the candidate filing form shall be between January 5 and February 15 prior to the date of the primary election. No incumbent who resigns from elective office prior to the expiration of his or her term shall file for any office after February 15 of that election year. All other candidates shall file for office between January 5 and March 1 prior to the date of the general election. (Neb. RS 32-606)

(B) Candidate filing forms shall be filed in the office of the Election Commissioner or County Clerk. (Neb. RS 32-607)

(C) (1) Except as provided in Neb. RS 32-564, any candidate in a special election to fill a vacancy for an office of a political subdivision may have his or her name placed on the special election ballot by filing a candidate filing form prescribed by the Secretary of State as provided in Neb. RS 32-607 and this division (C).

(2) The filing period for filing the candidate filing form shall be:

(a) On or before March 1 for a special election to be held in conjunction with the statewide primary election;

(b) On or before August 1 for a special election to be held in conjunction with the statewide general election; and

(c) Between the eighth Friday prior to the election and the fifth Friday prior to the election for all other elections.

(3) A candidate filing form for such special election shall meet the requirements of Neb. RS 32-607, except that the form shall contain the following statement: "I hereby swear that

I will abide by the laws of the State of Nebraska regarding the results of the special election, that I am a registered voter and qualified to be elected, and that I will serve if elected.”

(4) A candidate filing form for such special election shall be filed with the filing officer specified in Neb. RS 32-607(2). (Neb. RS 32-606.01)

Section 2. Any other ordinance or code section passed and approved prior to passage, approval, and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions is repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

*Robert R. R. R.*

Mayor

(SEAL)



Attest:

*Barbara D. D.*

Clerk