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2.08.010 Elective officers--Terms of office.

A. The following shall be the elective officers of the city and their terms of office:

1. Mayor. A mayor shall be elected for a term of four years at the municipal election held in 1981 and at the municipal election held each four years thereafter.

2. Councilmen. There shall be four councilmen.

a. Two councilmen shall be elected for a term of four years at the municipal election in 1979 and at the municipal election held each four years thereafter.

b. Two councilmen shall be elected for a term of four years at the municipal election in 1981 and at the municipal election held each four years thereafter.

3. Municipal Court Judge. A municipal court judge shall be elected for a term of four years at the municipal election in 1985 and each four years thereafter.

B. Each of the above shall succeed those officers whose term of office ends in the year of the applicable municipal election. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.010)

2.08.015 City council wards designated.

A. The city is divided into four city council wards, numbered 1 through 4, the boundaries of which are described herein.

1. Ward No. 1 shall include precinct Nos. 2410, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2903, 2904, 2906, 2907, 2909, 2911, 2912, 2917, 2918, 2929, 2931, 4022, 4390, 4391, 4392, 4393, 4395, 4396, 4022, 4403, 4404, 4405, 4410, 4411, 4412, 4413, 4414, 4415, 4416,, 4421, 4422, 4423, 4903, 4905, 4906, 4907.

2. Ward No. 2 shall include precinct Nos. 2361, 2362, 2363, 2374, 2382, 2383, 4017, 4300, 4305, 4310, 4394, 4397, 4400, 4401, 4402, 4417, 4904.

3. Ward No. 3 shall include precinct Nos. 2008, 2360, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2384, 2385, 2392, 4019, 4311, 4312. Together with Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 16, and the West Half (W1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 61 East, M.D.M.

4. Ward No. 4 shall include precinct Nos. 2375, 2380, 2381, 2390, 2391, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2400, 2402, 2403, 2404, 4301, 4302, 4303, 4304, 4306. Together with Sections 1,2,3,4,9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 (excepting the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4)), 21 (excepting the West Half (W1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4)), 22, 23, 24, Township 19 South, Range 61 East, M.D.M. Section 6 and 7 of Township 19 South, Range 62 East, M.D.M.

B. The city council has utilized the most currently available population figures from the Federal Bureau of the Census, together with information obtained from the city's development services department and public works department, to determine the boundaries of such wards as nearly equal in population as practicable while providing for each ward to be composed of entirely contiguous territory. (Ord. 1604 § 1, 2002; Ord. 1358 §§ 1, 2, 1999)

[2.08.020 General elections.](#)

Pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter of the city, as amended, the general municipal election shall be held in the city on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June, 1979 and on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June each two years thereafter. If a municipal primary election is required, it shall be held pursuant to the Charter of the city and the provisions of this chapter set forth below in Section 2.08.030. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.020)

[2.08.030 Primary elections.](#)

If, for any municipal election, there are three or more candidates for the offices of mayor or municipal court judge, or five or more candidates for the two city councilmen offices to be elected, a primary election for such officer or officers shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of April preceding such general election. After the primary election the names of the two candidates for mayor or municipal court judge and the names of the four candidates for city councilmen who received the highest number of votes in the primary election shall be placed on the ballot for the general election unless one of the candidates for mayor or municipal court judge received a majority of the total votes cast for that office in the primary election. (Ord. 1472 § 5 (part), 2000; Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.030)

[2.08.040 Posting tabulated results of elections.](#)

The results of any primary, special and general election shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the outside of city hall immediately after the vote has been tabulated. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.040)

2.08.050 Proclamation.

By order of the city council of the city, the mayor of the city, by proclamation published in one issue of a newspaper of general circulation in North Las Vegas, the publication to appear not more than seventy-five (75) days and not less than sixty-one (61) days prior to the Tuesday following the first Monday of April preceding said general election, shall announce:

- A. The time and place or places of holding the primary election, if a primary election be required;
- B. The time and place or places of holding said general election;
- C. Which offices are to be filled at said election; and
- D. The dates during which the candidates for office may file their declaration of candidacy with the city clerk, which date shall not be more than forty (40) days nor less than thirty (30) days prior to the Tuesday following the first Monday in April. (Ord. 1472 § 5 (part), 2000; Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.050)

2.08.060 Qualifications of mayor, municipal court judge and councilmen.

- A. The mayor and municipal court judge must be:
 - 1. A bona fide resident of the city for at least six months immediately preceding his election; and
 - 2. A qualified elector within the city.
- B. Each councilman:
 - 1. Must be a qualified elector who has resided in the ward which he represents for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy for his office; and
 - 2. Must continue to live in the ward he represents, except that changes in ward boundaries made pursuant to the city charter or this chapter will not affect the right of any elected councilman to continue in office for the term for which he was elected. (Ord. 1472 § 1, 2000)

2.08.070 Filing declaration of candidacy.

A. A candidate for elective office in the city shall make a declaration in the following form:

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY OF

FOR THE OFFICE OF

STATE OF NEVADA)

COUNTY OF CLARK)

For the purpose of having my name placed on the April _____, 20__ official primary municipal election ballot of the City of North Las Vegas, County of Clark, State of Nevada, if a primary election is required pursuant to the charter of the City of North Las Vegas, or on the June _____, 20__ official general municipal election ballot, if no primary election is required, I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear, or affirm that I reside in the City of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and have for six (6) months immediately preceding this election (thirty (30) days in the particular ward for City Council seats); that I am a qualified elector of the City of North Las Vegas; that if elected to said office, I will accept said office and will not withdraw; that I will not knowingly violate any election law or any law defining or prohibiting corrupt and fraudulent practice in campaigns and elections in this State; and, that I will qualify for such office if elected thereto; and my name shall appear on all ballots as herein designated.

DESIGNATION OF NAME

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO

before me this day

of , 20 .

City Clerk, City of

North Las Vegas, Nevada

B. The seats for city councilmen must be designated by the numbers one through four, which number must correspond with the wards the candidates for city councilmen will seek to represent. A candidate for the office of city councilman shall include in his declaration of candidacy the number of the ward which he seeks to represent.

C. All candidates for elective office in the city shall, at the time of filing, produce evidence in satisfaction of their qualifications for such elective office, such qualifications being set out in the city charter as amended from time to time, and Section 2.08.060 of this chapter.

D. Any person who knowingly makes a false statement of declaration for the purpose of creating eligibility for candidacy under this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the city jail not to exceed six months or by both such fine and imprisonment. (Ord. 1472 § 2, 2000)

[2.08.080 Filing fee.](#)

Each candidate shall be charged, and the City Clerk shall collect from each candidate at the time of filing a filing fee in the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), which shall be deposited to the credit of the general fund of the city. (Ord. 1472 § 3, 2000)

[2.08.090 Territory comprising the city.](#)

A. The territory embraced in the city is that certain land described in the official plat required by NRS 234.250 to be filed with the county recorder and county assessor of Clark County, as such plat is amended from time to time.

B. The city clerk shall advise the Clark County registrar of voters of all territory annexed to the city to assure an up-to-date precinct map coinciding with the North Las Vegas city limits. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.090)

[2.08.100 City clerk--Responsibilities and law governing.](#)

The city clerk is charged by the city council with the responsibility for the proper conduct of the primary, special and general municipal elections of the city and shall be governed by the provisions of this chapter, the Charter of the city, as amended, and the general election laws of

the state so far as the same can be made applicable. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.100)

[2.08.110 Eligibility of electors.](#)

Every person who resides within the city at the time of holding any municipal election, and whose name appears upon the official register of voters in and for the city, is entitled to vote at each municipal election whether special, primary or general and for all officers to be voted for and on all questions that may be submitted to the people at any such primary, general or special city elections. Any person may register to vote in this city when said person has attained the age of eighteen (18) or over and has continuously resided in this state and in the county thirty (30) days, and in the precinct ten (10) days preceding the day of the next succeeding primary, general or special election. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.110)

[2.08.120 Registration of electors.](#)

The Clark County registrar of voters shall be ex officio registry agent for the city and for said services shall be compensated in accordance with the general election laws of the state of Nevada. Registration of voters shall be in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes and shall close at nine p.m. on the fifth Saturday preceding any special, primary or general municipal election. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.120)

[2.08.130 Elector lists.](#)

A list of qualified electors shall be provided by the Clark County registrar of voters as set forth in Nevada Revised Statutes. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.130)

[2.08.140 Sample ballots and notice of polling places.](#)

The city clerk shall cause to be mailed to each registered elector in the city a sample ballot for his precinct with a notice informing such voter of the location of the polling place at which they are to vote. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.140)

[2.08.150 Ballots and supplies.](#)

The city council shall authorize the city clerk to provide all necessary books, ballots and supplies for the proper conduct of each primary, special or general municipal election. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.150)

[2.08.160 Voting system.](#)

The city council may designate the voting system to be used for all special, primary and general municipal elections. Voting system paraphernalia shall be requisitioned from the Clark County registrar of voters and the county shall be compensated for the rent thereof at the prevailing rate. The city shall bear the cost of setting up and transporting all paraphernalia to the polling places. In lieu of the council requesting bids for such services to be secured in accordance with the city's purchasing resolution, the council may, by simple majority vote, designate who shall be employed for the services of transportation and setting up of said paraphernalia and make agreements or contracts therefor. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.160)

[2.08.170 Election precincts.](#)

The city clerk shall designate election precincts and polling places and shall use the precincts established by the Clark County registrar of voters at the preceding general state election for the city, unless the territorial limits of the city have changed since said election, in which case general election laws of the state of Nevada shall apply. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.170)

[2.08.180 Election returns--Canvass--Certification and declaration of results.](#)

A. The custody of all election returns from any special, primary or general election shall be vested in the city clerk who shall file said returns in a safe place where no person shall be permitted to handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with said returns. An accuracy certification board designated by the Clark County registrar of voters which shall include the city clerk shall meet any time within seven days after any election and certify that in their judgment the ballot cards were accurately counted.

B. The city clerk shall present the abstract of votes cast of any election within sixteen (16) days after any election to the city council who shall canvass and certify the abstract of votes cast of any election and declare the results.

C. The election returns then shall be sealed and maintained in the custody of the city clerk for six months and no person shall have access thereto except on order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the city council. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.180)

[2.08.190 Who shall be declared elected.](#)

A. The candidate for the office of mayor and the candidate for each council seat receiving the highest number of total votes cast for that office at the general municipal election shall be declared elected to that office unless one of the candidates for mayor or a council seat received a majority of the total votes cast for that office in the primary election, in which case such candidate shall be declared the winner.

B. The candidate for municipal court judge receiving the highest number of votes cast for that office at the general municipal election shall be declared elected unless one of the candidates

received a majority of the total votes cast for that office in the primary election, in which case such candidate shall be declared the winner. (Ord. 1472 § 4, 2000)

2.08.200 Certificates of election.

The city clerk, under his hand and seal, shall issue to each person declared to be elected a Certificate of Election. The officers so elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the first day of July next following their election. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.200)

2.08.210 Tie vote procedure.

If any election should result in a tie, the city council shall summon the candidates who received the tie vote and determine the tie by lot. The clerk shall then issue the winner a Certificate of Election. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.210)

2.08.220 Qualification of officers.

Every person elected by the electors of North Las Vegas shall, before entering in the duties of his office, take and subscribe to the official oath provided by the Constitution of this state; and, in addition thereto, he is not under any direct or indirect obligation to vote for, appoint or elect any person to any office, position or employment by the government of the city. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.220)

2.08.230 Notice to elected mayor and councilmen of causes of forfeiture.

The city clerk shall provide to the mayor and each councilman the provisions of the Charter of the city which enumerates the causes for disqualification or for forfeiture of office. Each officer shall sign a statement that he has received said provisions and understands the nature of the disqualifications, which statement shall be filed by the city clerk. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.230)

2.08.240 Elective officers--Vacancies.

A. A vacancy in the city council or in the office of mayor or municipal court judge shall be filled by appointment ratified by a majority vote of the members of the city council, or the remaining members in the case of a vacancy in the city council, within thirty (30) days after occurrence of such vacancy.

B. The appointee shall have the same qualifications as are required of the elective official.

C. No such appointment shall extend beyond the first day in July after the first succeeding election and at which election an official must be elected to fill the unexpired term. (Ord. 885 § 3 (part), 1987: prior code § 2.08.240)