

CITY OF SEVERY, KANSAS
CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 9

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF SEVERY, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 15-201, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE, TRANSITION TO NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, FILLING OF GOVERNING BODY VACANCIES; AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SEVERY, KANSAS:

Section 1. The City of Severy, Kansas, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution, hereby elects to and does exempt itself and make inapplicable to it the provisions of K.S.A. 15-201, which applies to this City but is part of an enactment which does not apply uniformly to all cities.

Section 2. The governing body shall consist of a mayor and five council members, to be elected to terms as set forth herein. The mayor and council members shall be citizens of the United States and the State of Kansas who, at the time of their election, reside within Greenwood County, and within the city limits of Severy, Ks., and who are duly and properly registered Kansas voters.

Section 3. Those governing-body positions with terms expiring on the second Monday in January 2026 shall instead expire on the First Monday in January of 2026, when the City officials elected in the November 2025 general election take office. Those governing-body positions with terms expiring on the second Monday in January 2028 shall instead expire on the first Monday in January of 2028, when the City officials elected in the November 2027 general election take office.

Section 4. General elections shall take place on Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November 2025. Succeeding elections shall be held every two years for all such governing body positions whose terms have expired. The council members for positions 1, 3, and 5 shall be elected in 2025, and the mayor council members for positions 2 and 4 shall be elected in the succeeding election. The mayor and all council members shall have four-year terms.

Section 5. In case of a vacancy in the council occurring by reason of resignation, death, or removal from office, the mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the remaining council members, shall appoint a citizen of the United States and the State of Kansas who, at the time of his or her appointment, resides within the Kansas county of Greenwood, and who is a duly and properly registered Kansas voter, to fill the vacancy until the next election for that office. If any person elected as a council member neglects or refuses to qualify for office under the terms of this Charter Ordinance within 30 days after election, the council member shall be deemed to have refused to accept the office, and a vacancy shall exist.

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In such case, the mayor may, with the consent of the remaining council members appoint a person, who is qualified as stated in this Section 5, to fill such a vacancy.

Section 6. In case of a vacancy in the office of mayor, the president of the council shall become mayor until the next regular election for that office, and a vacancy shall occur in the office of the council member becoming mayor, which vacancy may be filled as provided in Section 5 herein.

Section 7. This Charter Ordinance repeals and amends Charter Ordinance No. 7.

Section 8. Any person desiring to become a candidate for city office elected at large shall file with the county election officer, before the filing deadline, established in K.S.A. 25-205, as amended, a declaration of candidacy on a form furnished by the county election officer as specified by the Kansas Secretary of State.

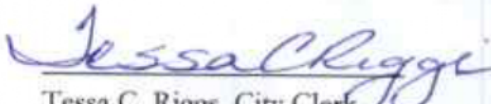
Section 9. This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Eureka Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the State of Kansas.

Section 10. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after the final publication, unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed, requiring a referendum to be held on this Charter Ordinance as provided by Article 12, Section 5, Subsection (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this Charter Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the majority of electors voting thereon.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members voted in favor thereof, on this 7th day of April, 2025.


Donna Wiss, Mayor

Attest:


Tessa C. Riggs, City Clerk

