

ORDINANCE NO. 222

An ordinance to amend the provisions for determining the number of election officials required to be appointed.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG, NEBRASKA:

SECTION I. That Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 17A, of the Municipal Code of Gothenburg, Nebraska, be amended to read as follows:

Elections; Officials. In the event of a Municipal Election, which is not a Joint Municipal/County Election, the Municipal Clerk shall, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Municipal Election, appoint three (3) judges and two (2) clerks of election in each precinct in the Municipality, to be known as the Receiving Board. In precincts where more than One Hundred (100) votes were cast for Governor or President in the last General Election, the Municipal Clerk shall, in the same manner, appoint two (2) additional judges and two (2) additional clerks to be known as the Election Counting Board. In precincts where there were not One Hundred (100) votes cast for Governor or President in the last General Election, the Receiving Board shall act as the Counting Board and shall count the ballots after the polls are closed and make return thereof in the same manner provided as in the case of Counting Boards. In precincts having a Counting Board, the Board shall commence its duties at a given time specified by the Municipal Clerk, at which time it shall proceed with the counting. If the judges of the election or the Counting Board cannot agree as to the legality of the vote to be counted, then the clerk of election serving on the board shall have the same powers as the judges of election in determining the legality of such votes. The Municipal Clerk shall, at the time of appointing the Receiving Board, designate one of the appointees as messenger, whose duty it shall be to receive from the Municipal Clerk the ballots and other supplies necessary for holding the election in the voting unit of which he is the judge or clerk. At the time of appointing the Counting Board, the Municipal Clerk shall designate one (1) of the appointees as a messenger to return the ballots and other supplies to the Municipal Clerk as soon as possible after the votes are counted. The ballots and other supplies for the election shall be delivered by the messengers to the polling places in their respective precincts at least one (1) hour before the time provided by law for opening the polls. No person shall be eligible for serving on any Receiving or Counting Board who is a candidate for office at such election. Each appointee shall be of good character, approved integrity, well informed, able to read, write, and speak the English language, reside in the precinct in which he is to serve, be entitled to vote in the election precinct involved; and hold office for a term of two (2) years or until judges and clerks of election are appointed for the

next Municipal Election. The Municipal Clerk shall keep a written record of such appointments which record must be made at the time of appointment, and which shall be considered part of the public records of his office. (Ref. 19-3011 RS Neb.)

SECTION II. That the original Section 1-711^d and any other ordinance passed and approved prior to the passage, approval and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions, is hereby repealed.

SECTION III. 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 21st day of June, 1977.

CITY OF GOTHENBURG

BY:

John P. Gallagher
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marian Folsom
City Clerk.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steve Winkler
City Attorney.