

ORDINANCE NO. 907

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III, CHAPTER 30 SECTION 30.115 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO ELECTIONS; TO REVISE PROVISIONS ABOUT ADMINISTRATION AND CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS; 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 GOTHENBURG, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Section 30.115 of Chapter 30, Title III of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed.

Section 2. The following provisions are hereby adopted as section 30.115 of Chapter 30, Title III of the Code of Ordinances:

PETITION, WRITE-IN, AND OTHER CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT; PROCEDURES.

(A) (1) Any registered voter who was not a candidate in the primary election and who was not registered to vote with a party affiliation on or after March 1 and before the general election in the calendar year of the general election may have his or her name placed on the general election ballot for a partisan office by filing petitions as prescribed in this section and Neb. RS 32-621 or by nomination by political party convention or committee pursuant to Neb. RS 32-627 or 32-710.

(2) Any candidate who was defeated in the primary election and any registered voter who was not a candidate in the primary election may have his or her name placed on the general election ballot if a vacancy exists on the ballot under Neb. RS 32-625(2) and the candidate files for the office by petition as prescribed in divisions and (C) of this section, files as a write-in candidate as prescribed in Neb. RS 32-615, or is nominated by political party convention or committee pursuant to Neb. RS 32-710.
(Neb. RS 32-616)

(B) Petitions for nomination shall conform to the requirements of Neb. RS 32-628. Petitions shall state the office to be filled and the name and address of the candidate. Petitions for partisan office shall also indicate the party affiliation of the candidate. A sample copy of the petition shall be filed with the filing officer prior to circulation. Petitions shall be

signed by registered voters residing in the (city), if candidates are chosen at large, or in the ward in which the officer is to be elected, if candidates are chosen by ward, and shall be filed with the filing officer in the same manner as provided for candidate filing forms in § 34.07. Petition signers and petition circulators shall conform to the requirements of Neb. RS 32-629 and 32-630. No petition for nomination shall be filed unless there is attached thereto a receipt showing the payment of the filing fee required pursuant to Neb. RS 32-608. The petitions shall be filed by September 1 in the year of the general election.

(Neb. RS 32-617)

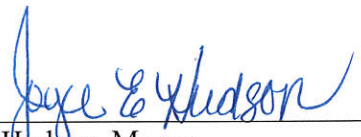
(C) (1) The number of signatures of registered voters needed to place the name of a candidate upon the nonpartisan ballot for the general election shall be at least 10% of the total number of registered voters voting for Governor or President of the United States at the immediately preceding general election in the (city) or in the ward in which the officer is to be elected, not to exceed 2,000.

(2) The number of signatures of registered voters needed to place the name of a candidate upon the partisan ballot for the general election shall be at least 20 % of the total vote for Governor or President of the United States at the immediately preceding general election within the (city) or in the ward in which the officer is to be elected, as appropriate, not to exceed 2,000.

(Neb. RS 32-618)

Section 3. 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 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.



Joyce Hudson, Mayor
3-17-15

(SEAL)



Connie Dalrymple, City Clerk