

ORDINANCE NO. 948

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO City Council members; election; qualifications; terms; 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. The city's Code of Ordinances is revised to read as follows regarding City Council:

ELECTION; QUALIFICATIONS; TERMS.

(A) The City Council shall consist of not less than 4 nor more than 12 residents of the city who are registered voters.

(Neb. RS 17-103)

(B) All Council members shall be nominated and elected on a nonpartisan ballot unless the city provides for a partisan ballot by ordinance.

(Neb. RS 32-557)

(C) If members of the Council are not elected at large:

(1) Unless the city elects council members at large as provided in Neb. RS 32-554, the city shall be divided into not less than 2 nor more than 6 wards, as provided by ordinance of the City Council. Each ward shall contain, as nearly as practicable, an equal portion of the population;

(Neb. RS 17-102)

(2) Unless the city elects council members at large as provided in Neb. RS 32-554, each ward of the city shall have at least 2 Council members elected in the manner provided in the Election Act. No person shall be eligible to the office of Council member who is not at the time of the election an actual resident of the ward for which he or she is elected and a registered voter; and

(Neb. RS 17-104)

(3) Such wards shall be substantially equal in population as determined by the most recent federal decennial census.

(Neb. RS 32-553)

(D) The term of office shall begin on the first regular meeting of the Council in December following the statewide general election.

(Neb. RS 17-104)

(E) Members of the Council shall serve for terms of 4 years or until their successors are elected and qualified.

(Neb. RS 32-533)

(F) If the city operates under a city manager plan, members of the City Council shall be residents and registered voters of the city and shall hold no other employment with the city. Any Council member who ceases to possess any of the qualifications required by this

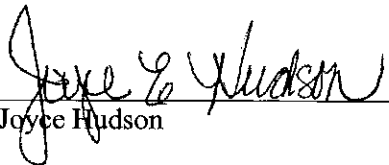
section or who has been convicted of a felony or of any public offense involving the violation of the oath of office of such member while in office shall forthwith forfeit such office.

(Neb. RS 19-613)

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 19th day of September, 2017



Mayor, Joyce Hudson

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Brandi Kloeping, Clerk