

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY FOR THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL FOR THE COUNCILMEMBER AT-LARGE, ESTABLISHING A PRIMARY ELECTION ON AUGUST 2, 2022, AND A GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, PROVIDING THAT THE PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BECOME THE GENERAL ELECTION IF NO MORE THAN TWO CANDIDATES FILE FOR THIS POSITION.

WHEREAS, the death of Karen M. DeLuccie, Councilmember At-Large in Independence, Missouri has created a vacancy in said office; and,

WHEREAS, the Independence City Council wishes to call for a special election to fill this vacancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Independence City Council hereby declares a vacancy in the Councilmember At-Large position in Independence, created by Karen M. DeLuccie, and further establishes that the nominating petitions for said At-Large position will be available beginning May 2, 2022, the first day for filing will be May 3, 2022, the last day for filing will be May 18, 2022, and the last day for withdrawal will be May 23, 2022.

SECTION 2. That, if more than two candidates successfully complete the petitioning process, August 2, 2022, shall be the date for the Special Primary Election in the City of Independence to elect candidates to fill the At-Large Councilmember vacancy on the City Council.

SECTION 3. That the General City Election for the position of At-Large Councilmember to fill the aforesaid vacancy will be conducted November 8, 2022, from the two candidates at the Primary Election receiving the most votes.

SECTION 4. That, if two or fewer candidates successfully complete the petitioning process, there shall be no primary election date and August 2, 2022, shall be the date for this Special General Election which is required to fill the At-Large Councilmember vacancy on the Council.

SECTION 5. That all separate papers comprising a nominating petition shall be assembled and filed by a registered, qualified elector of the City with the City Clerk as one instrument during regular business hours between 8:00 a.m. May 3, 2022, and 5:00 p.m. May 18, 2022, with the last day for withdrawal on May 23, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. The City Clerk shall record on the petition the exact time it was filed, shall promptly certify in writing whether the petition is in proper form and immediately forward the petition to the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners. A nominating petition shall not be accepted for filing unless it is accompanied by a Statement of Acceptance of Candidacy signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by the candidate, substantially in the form provided in Section 6.5(4) of the Charter of the City of Independence, Missouri.

SECTION 6. That the names on the primary and general City ballot for this At-Large Council position shall be listed in the order in which they are filed, as required by Section 6.9 of the Independence City Charter.

SECTION 7. That the City Clerk of the City of Independence shall provide necessary copies of the official ballots and transmit the same to the Board of Election Commissioners.

SECTION 8. That the City Clerk shall do all things necessary and required under the provisions designated in the City Charter under Article 6, " Nominations and Elections" Section 6.1 through 6.10, inclusive.

SECTION 9. That the City Clerk of the City of Independence shall certify this ordinance to the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners at once and shall do all things under the Charter so adopted and amended, and those things that are necessary under the laws of the State of Missouri for the holding of a Special Primary Election (if necessary) and a Special General Election.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY _____, 2022, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager