

CITY OF COON RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

CHAPTER 1-400

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1-401 The Regular Municipal Election. A regular municipal election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even numbered year at such place or places as the City Council may designate. The City Clerk or City Manager shall give at least 15 days previous notice of the time and place of holding such election and of the officers to be elected by posting in at least one (1) public place in each voting precinct and by publication at least once in the official newspaper, but failure to give such notice shall not invalidate such election. The members of the Council shall be elected at the regular municipal election. Notwithstanding any provisions herein to the contrary, this section shall apply to municipal elections held in 1995 and 1997. [Revised 1/3/95, Ordinance 1516]

1-402 Special Elections. The Council may, by resolution, order a special election and provide all means for holding it. At least two (2) weeks published notice of a special election shall be given in the official newspaper. The procedure at such election shall conform as nearly as possible to that prescribed for other municipal elections.

1-403 Election Officials. The Council shall, at least 25 days before each municipal election, appoint election judges for each precinct to serve in accordance with current state statutes. The Council shall determine the number of judges as it deems necessary, but in no event shall there be less than three (3) judges for each precinct. The Council shall fix their compensation.[Revised 4/27/93, Ordinance 1451]

1-404 Candidates.

(1) No more than ten (10) nor less than eight (8) weeks before the first Tuesday after the second Monday of September in even numbered years, the date of the primary election, a candidate for a City office shall file an affidavit with the City Clerk, or an application on behalf of any registered voter of the City whom they desire to be a candidate may be made and filed by not less than five (5) voters thereof; provided that service of a copy of the application shall be made on such candidate and proof of service endorsed on the application before filing. In either case, the filing fee shall be \$10.00. Such affidavit or application shall state that the candidate is a registered voter of the City of Coon Rapids, and name the office to be filled. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, this section shall apply to municipal elections held in 1995 and 1997. [Revised 4/27/93, Ordinance 1451][Revised 1/3/95, Ordinance 1516]

(2) Any candidate may withdraw no later than two days after the last day for filing of an application or petition by filing a notice of withdrawal with the City Clerk. [Revised 4/27/93, Ordinance 1451][Revised 4/19/05, Ordinance 1888]

1-405 Canvass of Elections. The Council shall meet and canvass the election returns within seven (7) days after any regular or special election, and within two (2) days after any primary election, and shall make full declaration of the results as soon as possible, and file a statement thereof with the City Clerk. This statement shall include: (a) the total number of good ballots cast; (b) the total number of spoiled or defective ballots; (c) the vote for each candidate,

with an indication of those who were elected; (d) a true copy of the ballots used; (e) the names of the election judges; (f) such other information as may seem pertinent. The City Clerk shall provide each candidate with a copy of the election canvass results. [Revised 4/27/93, Ordinance 1451][Revised 4/19/05, Ordinance 1889]

1-406 Procedure at Election. Subject to the provisions of this Charter and applicable State law, the Council may, by ordinance, further regulate the conduct of municipal elections. Except as otherwise provided for in this Charter or in ordinances adopted pursuant thereto, the general laws of the State of Minnesota pertaining to elections shall apply to municipal elections.

1-407 Primary Election. On the first Tuesday after the second Monday of September in even numbered years there shall be a primary election for the selection of two (2) candidates for each elective office at a regular or special municipal election, unless fewer than three (3) candidates file for each elective office. Notwithstanding any provisions herein to the contrary, this section shall apply to municipal elections held in 1995 and 1997 [Revised 4/27/93, Ordinance 1451] [Revised 1/3/95, Ordinance 1516]