

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 6

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF PAWNEE ROCK, KANSAS, FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 15-201, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE, TRANSITIONS TO ODD-YEAR NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, THE FILLING OF GOVERNING BODY VACANCIES, AND NOMINATION PETITIONS; AND, PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PAWNEE ROCK, KANSAS:

Section 1. The City of Pawnee Rock, Kansas, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution hereby elects to and does exempt itself and make inapplicable to it the provisions of K.S.A. 15-201, which applies to this city, but is part of an enactment which does not apply uniformly to all cities.

Section 2. The governing body shall consist of a mayor and five council members to be elected to terms as set forth herein. The mayor and council members shall be residents and qualified electors of the City of Pawnee Rock, Kansas.

Section 3. Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2017, shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2018, when the city officials elected in the November 2017 general election take office. Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2019, shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2020, when the city officials elected in the November 2019 general election take office.

Section 4. General elections shall take place on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November 2017. Succeeding elections will be held every odd-numbered year for all such governing body positions whose terms have expired. A mayor and two council members shall be elected at one election, and the remaining three council members shall be elected at the next succeeding election. The mayor and all council members shall have four year terms. All members of the governing body shall run "at large" unless the governing body, by ordinance, designates whether some council members run by district and others at large.

Section 5. In case of a vacancy in the council occurring by reason of resignation, death, or removal from office or from the city, the mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the

remaining council members, shall appoint an elector to fill the vacancy until the next election for city council. In case any person elected as a council member neglects or refuses to qualify within 30 days after election, or if any person elected as a council member refuses to attend Four (4) consecutive regularly called monthly meetings of the city council, the non-attending council member shall be deemed to have neglected the office and a vacancy shall be declared to exist. The mayor may appoint a suitable city elector to fill the vacancy as set forth herein.

Section 6. The council shall elect a president of the council in January of each even numbered year. In case of a vacancy in the office of mayor, the president of the council shall become mayor until the next regular election for that office. When the president of the council assumes the mayor's office, a vacancy shall occur in the office of the council member becoming mayor.

Section 7. Any person desiring to become a candidate for city office elected at large shall file with the county election officer, before the filing deadline, established in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, a declaration of candidacy on a form furnished by the county election officer as specified by the secretary of state.


Section 8. All elections for the City of Pawnee Rock, Kansas shall be nonpartisan.

Section 9. This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.


Section 10. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after the final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed, requiring a referendum to be held on the ordinance as provided by Article 12, Section 5, Subsection (c) (3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this Charter Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members elect voting in favor thereof, this 14 day of November, 2016.

Attest



City Clerk



Mayor