

ORDINANCE NO.743
2ND SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY CODE BY
ADDING SECTION 2.00 - MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The City Council of the City of Alexandria does hereby **ORDAIN**:

SECTION I. That Section 2.00 of the Alexandria City Code is hereby added to Chapter 2 of the Alexandria City Code with the following language:

Section 2.00. Municipal Primary Election

Subd. 1. **Establishment of Municipal Primary Election.** Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, § 205.065, the City Council establishes that the City shall conduct a municipal primary election for the purpose of nominating elective City Councilmembers and Mayor. The municipal primary election shall be held on the second Tuesday of August of any year in which a municipal general election is also to be held for the purpose of electing City Councilmembers and Mayor. Provided, however, that a municipal primary election shall only be conducted when more than two candidates have timely paid the proper filing fee and timely filed an affidavit of candidacy for election to a City Councilmember or Mayoral seat to be filled in the forthcoming November municipal general election.

Subd. 2. **Secretary of State and Auditor Notification.** Within 30 days after the adoption of this ordinance, the City Clerk/Administrator shall notify the secretary of state and the county auditor of its adoption.

Subd. 3. **Candidates and Filing.** Any person who is eligible to be elected to the office of City Councilmember or Mayor may, no more than 84 days nor less than 70 days before the city primary election, file with the City Clerk/Administrator his or her affidavit of candidacy and pay the established filing fee. The City Clerk/Administrator shall place upon the primary ballot without partisan designation the names of individuals whose City Councilmember and Mayoral affidavits of candidacy have been timely filed and for whom the proper filing fee has been timely paid. When not more than two (2) candidates for a City Councilmember or Mayoral seat to be filled in the forthcoming November municipal general election timely file an affidavit of candidacy for the office and timely pay the proper filing fee, the names of the candidates who did timely file and pay shall not be placed upon the primary ballot, but their names shall be placed on the municipal general election ballot as the nominees for that office.

Subd. 4. **Results.** The municipal primary election shall be conducted and the returns made in the manner provided for the state primary as far as practicable. The City Council shall canvass the returns on the third day after the primary, and the two candidates for each office who receive the highest number of votes shall be the nominees for the office named. Their names shall be certified to the City Clerk/Administrator who shall place them on the municipal general election ballot without partisan designation and without payment of an additional fee.

Subd. 5. **Recount.** A losing candidate at the municipal primary may request a recount of the votes for that nomination subject to the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, § 204C.36.

SECTION II. This Ordinance shall be in effect and full force after its publication.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria this 8th day of February, 2016, by the following vote:

YES: OSTERBERG, BENSON, JENSEN

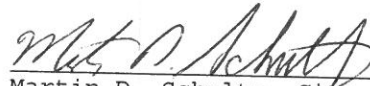
NO: BATESOLE, KUHLMAN

ABSENT: NONE



Sara Carlson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Martin D. Schultz, City Administrator