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CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 2.

A Charter Ordinance exempting the City of Washington, Kansas, from K. S. A. 1972 Supplement 15-201, providing substitute and additional provisions on the same subject, relating to the election of the mayor and councilmen, their terms of office and the filling of vacancies.

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

Section 1. The City of Washington, Kansas, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to exempt itself from and make inapplicable to it K.S.A. 1972 Supplement 15-201, and provide substitute and additional provisions as hereinafter set forth in this ordinance. Such statutory section is applicable to this city, but is not applicable uniformly to all cities.

Section 2. On the first Tuesday in April, 1975, there shall be elected a mayor and five councilmen. At said election the mayor and the two candidates for councilmen receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected for a term of four years. The candidates for councilmen receiving the next three highest number of votes shall be declared elected for a term of two years. Succeeding elections for all such offices shall be for four year terms, or until the successors to such offices are qualified.

Section 3. 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 and a vacancy shall occur in the office of the councilman becoming mayor.

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 councilmen, shall appoint some suitable elector to fill the vacancy until the next election for that office. In case any person elected as a councilman neglects or refuses to qualify within thirty (30) days after his election, he shall be deemed to have refused to accept such office and a vacancy shall exist, and thereupon the mayor may, with the consent of the remaining councilmen, appoint some suitable elector to fill said vacancy.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

Section 5. This is a charter ordinance and shall take effect sixty-one (61) days after final publication, unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed and a referendum held on the ordinance as provided in Article 12, Section 5, Sub-division (c) (3) of the Constitution of Kansas, in which case the ordinance shall become effective if approved 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, the 2nd day of July, 1973.

Kenneth F. Rogge
Mayor Kenneth F. Rogge.

Attest: Leo Walter (seal)
Leo Walter,
City Clerk.