

Section 3.2. Composition; Qualifications; Election and Terms.

- (a) **Composition.** There shall be a Council of eight members. Two Councilmembers shall be elected by qualified voters, as provided in Section 9.1(d), Definition of Qualified Voter, from each of the four respective districts of the city, as provided by Section 9.4, City Council Districts. Wherever used in this Charter, the term "entire Council" shall mean a Council of eight members, regardless of vacancies.
- (b) **Qualifications.** A Councilmember shall have been a resident of the city for two years next preceding election and a qualified voter of the city and shall remain a resident of his or her district and a qualified voter of his or her district. The term "qualified voter" shall be as defined in Section 9.1(d) of this Charter. A Councilmember shall have been a resident of his or her respective district for six months next preceding election.
- (c) **Election, Terms and Term Limitations.** City Councilmembers shall be elected to serve staggered four-year terms as exists on April 4, 2017. At each regular municipal election, Councilmembers shall be elected to fill the offices of those whose terms expire. There shall be no limit to the number of terms a person may serve as a Councilmember, provided no person shall be eligible or qualified to be elected as a Councilmember to more than two consecutive four-year terms.

Section 3.7. Vacancies; Forfeiture of Office; Filling of Vacancies.

- (a) **Vacancies.** The office of a Councilmember shall become vacant upon the Councilmember's death, resignation, recall or removal from office in any manner authorized by this Charter or by law, or upon forfeiture of the office.
- (b) **Forfeiture of Office.** A Councilmember shall forfeit office: (1) if at any time during the term of office a Councilmember lacks any qualification for the office prescribed by this Charter or by law, or (2) if a Councilmember violates any prohibition as provided in Section 3.6, Prohibition, or (3) if a Councilmember willfully violates the requirements of Section 14.1, Personal Financial Interest.
- (c) **Filling of Vacancies.** The Council by a majority vote of all its remaining members shall appoint a qualified person, as defined in Section 3.2(b), to fill a vacancy until the next regular municipal election as established by the Missouri election calendar in accordance with state law, for which timely notice may be given, when a person will be elected by qualified voters to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.