

Chapter 105

ELECTIONS

ARTICLE I In General

Section 105.010. Conformance of City Elections With State Law.

All City elections shall be conducted and held in conformance with the provisions of Chapter 115, RSMo.

Section 105.015. Annual Elections Not Required — When. [Ord. No. 15-01 §§1 — 3, 1-15-2015¹]

- A. The City of Puxico, Missouri, shall be authorized to forego annual elections if the number of candidates who have filed for a particular office is equal to the number of positions in the office to be filled by the election.
- B. The municipality shall conduct its municipal elections for the following six (6) years immediately thereafter in accordance with Section 115.124, RSMo. At the end of such six-year period it shall be prohibited from conducting elections in such a manner unless another election is held and the issue is again approved by the majority of the qualified voters.
- C. If no election is held for such office as provided in this Section, the election authority shall publish a notice containing the names of the candidates that shall assume the responsibilities of office under this Section. Such notice shall be published in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation as defined in Section 493.050, RSMo. By the first of the month in which the election would have occurred, had it been contested.

Section 105.020. Date of Municipal Election. [R.O. 2011 §105.020]

- A. A municipal election for the qualified voters of this City shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of each year.
- B. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of odd-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the City of Puxico shall be held for the purpose of electing a Mayor who shall hold his/her office for a term of two (2) years and until his/her successor is elected and qualified.
- C. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of odd-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the City of Puxico shall be held for the purpose of electing one (1) Alderman from each ward who shall hold his/her office for a term of two

1. Editor's Note: The provisions herein passed by majority vote at the election held on 4-7-2015.

(2) years and until his/her successor is elected and qualified.

- D. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of even-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the City of Puxico shall be held for the purpose of electing one (1) Alderman from each ward who shall hold his/her office for a term of two (2) years and until his/her successor is elected and qualified.
- E. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of odd-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the City of Puxico shall be held for the purpose of electing a Collector and a Marshal; the Marshal shall hold his/her office for a term of four (4) years; the Collector shall hold office for a term of four (4) years; both shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. [Ord. No. 13-12,² 11-21-2013]
- F. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of odd-numbered years, a municipal election of the qualified voters of the City of Puxico shall be held for the purpose of electing a Municipal Judge who shall hold his/her office for a term of two (2) years and until his/her successor is elected and qualified.

Section 105.030. Declaration of Candidacy — Dates for Filing.

Any person who desires to become a candidate for an elective City office at the general City election shall file with the City Clerk, not prior to the hour of 8:00 A.M. on the 16th Tuesday prior to, nor later than 5:00 P.M. on the 11th Tuesday prior to the next City municipal election, a written declaration of his/her intent to become a candidate at said election. The City Clerk shall keep a permanent record of the names of the candidates, the offices for which they seek election, and the date of their filing, and their names shall appear on the ballots in that order.

Section 105.035. Candidates for Municipal Office — No Arrearage for Municipal Taxes or User Fees Permitted. ³

No person shall be a candidate for municipal office unless such person complies with the provisions of Section 115.346, RSMo., regarding payment of municipal taxes or user fees.

Section 105.040. Declaration of Candidacy — Notice to Public.

The City Clerk shall, on or before the 16th Tuesday prior to any election at which City offices are to be filled by said election, notify the general public of the opening filing date, the office or offices to be filled, the proper place for filing, and the closing filing date of the election. Such notification may be accomplished by legal notice published in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the City.

Section 105.050. Declaration of Candidacy — Form. [R.O. 2011 §105.050]

The form of said written declaration of candidacy shall be substantially as follows:

2. Editor's Note: This ordinance passed at the election held 4-8-2014.

3. Editor's Note — As to arrearage or delinquency in all taxes, §115.342, RSMo.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS
COUNTY OF STODDARD)

I, _____, being first duly sworn, state that I reside at _____, City of Puxico, County of Stoddard, Missouri; that I am a qualified voter; that I do hereby declare myself a candidate for the office of _____, to be voted upon at the municipal election to be held on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday of April, 20____, and I meet all the qualifications required of a candidate for said office, and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for said election for said office, and state that I will serve as such officer, if elected.

Signed:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

City Clerk
City of Puxico

(SEAL)

Section 105.060. Notice of Elections.

In City elections, the City Clerk shall notify the County Clerk prior to 5:00 P.M. on the 10th Tuesday prior to any City election except as noted in Section 115.125.1, RSMo. The notice shall be in writing, shall specify that the Board of Aldermen is calling the election, the purpose of the election, the date of the election, and shall include a certified copy of the legal notice to be published including the sample ballot. The notice and any other information required by this Section may, with the prior notification to the election authority receiving the notice, be accepted by facsimile transmission prior to 5:00 P.M. on the 10th Tuesday prior to the election, provided that the original copy of the notice and a certified copy of the legal notice to be published shall be received in the office of the election authority within three (3) business days from the date of the facsimile transmission.

**ARTICLE II
Voting Districts**

Section 105.070. Wards. [R.O. 2011 §105.070; CC 1979 §§30.010 — 30.030]

A. The City is hereby divided into two (2) Wards, as hereinafter delineated.

1. *Ward One.* Ward One shall embrace that part of the City of Puxico lying east of Missouri Highway 51.
2. *Ward Two.* Ward Two shall embrace all that part of the City of Puxico lying west of Missouri Highway 51.