

**CHAPTER 3**

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3.01 **PRIMARY: WHEN HELD.** (Charter Ordinance) Whenever three or more candidates file nomination papers for City office, a primary election shall be held for the nomination of candidates for such office.

3.02 **ELECTION OFFICIALS.**

(1) NUMBER. At every election there shall be in each City polling places three inspectors and two clerks, unless the Council, by resolution passed not less than 60 days prior to any election, increases the number of election officials, as provided by law.

(2) COMPENSATION. Compensation shall be allowed for all elections.

(3) DUTIES. See §7.30, Wis. Stats.

(4) APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ELECTION OFFICIALS. (Cr. GO 2-10) The City Clerk shall have the discretion to hire election officials to work less than a full day on the day of the election.

3.03 **POLL HOURS.** The polls at each election in the City shall be open for voting from 7:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M.

3.04 **BOARD OF ABSENTEE BALLOT CANVASSERS.** (Cr. GO 7-16)

(1) The Common Council hereby establishes the Municipal Board of Absentee Ballot Canvassers as designated under Wis. Stat. § 7.53 (2m). The Board of Absentee Ballot Canvassers shall be composed of the City Clerk, or a qualified elector of the municipality designated by the Clerk, and two other qualified electors of the county appointed by the City Clerk. The first term for the members of the Board of Absentee Canvassers will expire on December 31, 2016. For subsequent terms, the members of the Board of Absentee Ballot Canvassers shall serve for two-year terms commencing on January 1 of each odd-numbered year, except that any member who is appointed to fill a permanent vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of the original appointee.

(2) The Common Council hereby declares in lieu of canvassing absentee ballots at polling places under Wis. Stats. § 6.88, the Municipal Board of Absentee Ballot Canvassers shall canvass all absentee ballots at all elections held in the municipality pursuant to procedures established by the State division governing elections.

(3) The City Clerk shall give at least 48 hour notice of any meeting under this subsection.

(4) The City Clerk, no later than the closing hour of the polls, shall post at his or her office and on the Internet at a site announced by the City Clerk before the poll opens, and shall make available to any person upon request, a statement of the number of absentee ballots that the Clerk has mailed or transmitted to electors and that have been returned by the closing hour on election day.