

**CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03**

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO K.R.S. 83A.050 PRESCRIBING THAT ELECTIONS FOR THE CITY OFFICES OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY SHALL BE NON-PARTISAN AS PROVIDED IN K.R.S. 83A.150 AND FURTHER PROVIDING THAT THE NON-PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO ELECTED CITY OFFICES BE ELIMINATED AS AUTHORIZED BY K.R.S. 83A.045(2)(b) AND AMENDING SECTION 31.20 OF THE CITY OF UNION CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the City of Union, Kentucky has decided to continue to have non-partisan elections to govern election of City Officers; and,

WHEREAS, K.R.S. 83A.045(2)(b) as amended by the 2014 Kentucky General Assembly, authorized the cities of the Home Rule Class which operate under the non-partisan election laws to adopt an ordinance eliminating the non-partisan primary election for the nomination of candidates to City Offices regardless of the number of candidates running for each office; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Union, Kentucky is a Home Rule City which is allowed to utilize a non-partisan election as allowed by K.R.S. 83A.045(2)(b), K.R.S. 83A.050, K.R.S. 83A.170 AND 83A.175; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Union desires to take advantage of the authority granted in the afore-described statutes and adopt a non-partisan election procedure and eliminate the primary procedure for a non-partisan election.

NOW, THEREFORE IT ORDAINED THAT §31.20 OF THE UNION, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLED “ELECTION PROCEDURE” BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I

§ 31.20 ELECTION PROCEDURE.

(A) The election of candidates to all elected city offices shall be governed by the provisions of this section and by the applicable provisions of KRS Chapter 83A and Chapters 116 to 121.

(1) Pursuant to KRS 83A.045, elections for city officers shall hereinafter be non-partisan elections as provided in the afore described statute and as further set forth and governed by KRS 83A.050, 83A.165, 83A.170, and 83A.175.

(2) As authorized by KRS 83A.045(2)(b), the city shall forgo conducting a nonpartisan primary election for the nomination of candidates to city office, regardless of the number of candidates running for each office, as such the non-partisan election for the nomination of candidates to elected city offices is hereby eliminated, same to take effect as of the effective date of this section.

(3) All candidates for elected city offices shall file their nomination papers with the County Clerk not earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year which the office will appear on the ballot and not later than the ~~[second Tuesday in August]~~ first Tuesday after the first Monday in June preceding the date fixed by KRS Chapter 118 for holding the regular election for the office. Signatures for nomination papers shall not be affixed on the document to be filed prior to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot. (KRS 83A.045(2)(b)).

(4) All nomination papers shall be filed not later than 4:00 p.m. prevailing local time when filed on the last day when such papers are permitted to be filed.

(B) The city may change the manner of election of city officers within the provisions of division (A) of this section by ordinance, except that no change shall be made earlier than five (5) years from the last change.

(C) The city shall pay the costs of city elections only if city elections are held at a time other than prescribed by law for elections generally.

(D) Each appointed and elected city office existing on July 15, 1980, shall continue until abolished by ordinance, except that the offices of Mayor and Commissioners may not be abolished.

(E) No abolition of any elected office shall take effect until expiration of the term of the current holder of the office.

(F) No ordinance abolishing any elected office shall be enacted later than two hundred forty (240) days preceding the regular election for that office, except in the event of a vacancy in the office.

(G) The city may not create any elected office. Existing elected offices may be continued under provision of divisions (D), (E), and (F) above, but no existing elected office may be changed.

All other provisions of the Union, Kentucky Code of Ordinances not in conflict herein shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION II

This Ordinance shall be effective when read, passed and published according to law.

SECTION III

This Ordinance may be published in summary pursuant to KRS 183A.060(9).

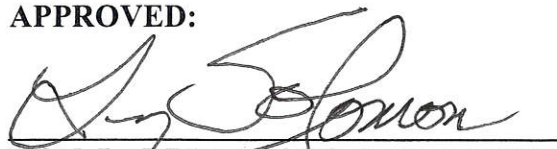
FIRST READING:

March 7, 2022


SECOND READING:

March 21, 2022

APPROVED:


HON. LARRY K. SOLOMON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


TAMMY WILHOITE, CITY CLERK