

ORDINANCE NO. 900867

Calling an election on March 26, 1991, to submit to the electors of Kansas City an Amendment to the Charter of Kansas City adopted February 24, 1925, as amended, providing that all twelve council members be elected from districts, and recognizing this ordinance to be an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That there shall be submitted to the electors of Kansas City, Missouri, at the election to be held March 26, 1991, an Amendment to Sections 6 and 7 of the Charter of Kansas City adopted February 24, 1925, as amended, which proposed amendment shall repeal Article II, Sections 6 and 7 of the City Charter and in lieu of said Article II, Sections 6 and 7, shall enact the following:

Article II, Sections 6 and 7

Sec. 6. Qualifications and election.

The powers of the city, except as otherwise provided in this charter, shall be vested in a council and shall be exercised as herein provided. The council shall consist of thirteen (13) members, one (1) of whom shall be the mayor. The mayor shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city at large. The remaining twelve (12) members shall be elected one each from the twelve (12) councilmanic districts herein provided for, by the qualified voters of each such district. To be eligible to membership in the council, each member, except the mayor, must have maintained his residence in his district for at least six (6) months next prior to the date of the regular municipal election. The members of the council, including the mayor, shall be qualified voters of the city; shall have paid city and county taxes for two (2) years next before the day of their election; shall, before the day of election, have attained the age of twenty-five (25) years; and shall, at the same date, have resided at least five (5) years in the territory embraced within the city limits.

Any member of the council who shall be absent from more than two (2) meetings of the council in any one (1) year, except in case of his own illness, shall forfeit the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) of his salary for each such absence.

Sec. 7. Councilmanic districts.

For the purpose of electing members of the council, the city shall be divided into twelve (12) districts, which districts shall be substantially equal in population.

One (1) member of the council shall be elected from each district. Boundaries of such districts shall be fixed by the council according to the following plan:

The council shall adopt a plan dividing the city into twelve (12) councilmanic districts, which districts shall be substantially equal in population.

In order that the population of the several councilmanic

districts thus defined shall remain substantially equal, the council shall adopt a new and revised plan of redistricting, based upon the last official federal census, and formulated in the manner hereinbefore provided, not later than the first day of January of the year following the publication of the next official federal census.

Upon adoption of any charter amendment extending the city limits, the area thereby annexed shall be a part of the councilmanic district to which it is contiguous to permit residents of the annexed area to have the opportunity to vote at the next succeeding primary and city election following the effective date of such extension.

Section 2. The ballot wording on the above Charter Amendment will be as follows:

SHALL THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, BE AMENDED AS OF APRIL 10, 1995, SO THAT THERE ARE TWELVE (12) DISTRICTS, EACH REPRESENTED BY A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL ELECTED FROM SUCH DISTRICT?

Section 3. If approved by the electorate, this Charter Amendment shall become effective April 10, 1995.

Section 4. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to include as part of the official election notice for the election on March 26, 1991, to the Board of Election Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri, the Board of Election Commissioners of Clay County, Missouri, the Clerk of the County Commission of Platte County, Missouri, and the Clerk of the County Commission of Cass County, Missouri, which shall be their authority to submit such proposed amendment to the electors of Kansas City, Missouri, and to give public notice thereof as provided by law.

Section 5. That this ordinance, providing for the submission of an Amendment to the Charter of Kansas City to the people of Kansas City, Missouri, is recognized to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Article II, Section 15, of the Charter of Kansas City and shall therefore become effective immediately upon its passage.

Approved as to form and legality:

Assistant City Attorney