

## **CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 29**

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS, FROM THE PROVISIONS OF (K.S.A. 14-103) AND/OR (K.S.A. 14-201) AND/OR (K.S.A. 14-204), RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE, TRANSITIONS TO NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS, AND NOMINATION PETITIONS; AND, PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT; AND REPEALING CHARTER ORDINANCES NO. 25 and 27.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS:

**Section 1.** The City of Wellington, Kansas, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution hereby elects to and does exempt itself and make inapplicable to it the provisions of (K.S.A. 14-103) AND/OR (K.S.A. 14-201) AND/OR (K.S.A. 14-204), that apply to this city, but are parts of enactments which do not apply uniformly to all cities.

**Section 2.** The governing body shall consist of a mayor and six council members to be elected to terms as set forth herein. The mayor and council members shall be residents and qualified electors of the City of Wellington, Kansas.

**Section 3.** Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2017, shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2018, when the city officials elected in the November 2017 general election take office. Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2019, shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2020, when the city officials elected in the November 2019 general election take office.

**Section 4.** A general election of city officers take place on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November 2017. Succeeding elections will be held every two years for all such governing body positions whose terms have expired. Council members shall be elected at-large. The council members shall have four year terms. The Mayor shall have a four year term.

**Section 5.** That after the year 2012, term limits shall take effect limiting a citizen from being elected to serve two (2) consecutive terms as either mayor or as a council member.

**Section 6.** All elections for the City of Wellington, Kansas shall be nonpartisan

**Section 7.** Charter Ordinance No. 25 adopted July 13, 2010, and Charter Ordinance No. 27 adopted August 7, 2012, are repealed.

**Section 8.** This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

**Section 9.** This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after the final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed, requiring a referendum to be held on the ordinance as provided by Article 12, Section 5, Subsection (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this charter Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members elect voting in favor thereof, this 17th day of January, 2017.

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Honorable Shelly R. Hansel, Mayor

Attest:

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Carol S. Mericle, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Shawn DeJarnett, City Attorney