

EMERGENCY READING: 01.05.2021

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HANNIBAL PROVIDING FOR A
MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021, TO
ALLOW HANNIBAL VOTERS TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE
CHARTER OF THE CITY TO ALLOW ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL
MEETINGS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Hannibal, there may be held a Municipal Election at times concurrent with state election, and,

WHEREAS, due to the COVID 19 pandemic, it has become clear to the City Council that it may at times be necessary to have council meetings by electronic means to continue with the necessary business of the City, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it is necessary and appropriate to present an enabling amendment of the Charter of the City of Hannibal to the voters.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANNIBAL, MISSOURI:

SECTION ONE: That a Municipal Election for a certain ballot proposal shall be held on Tuesday, the 6th day of April, 2021. Said election shall be held at such place in each ward and precinct as the election authority may direct and as contained in the Election notice made a part of this ordinance.

The City Clerk shall cause to be given ten (10) days notice of said Election by publication in the newspaper doing the official printing of the City of Hannibal, said notice to be signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, said notice to be printed in substantively the following form, to-wit:

**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION
CITY OF HANNIBAL, MISSOURI**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Municipal Election to be held in the City of Hannibal, Missouri, on:

Tuesday, the 6th day of April, 2021

Proposition 1

Shall "Chapter 2, THE COUNCIL, Section 2.07 Meetings, Time and Place", of the Charter of the City of Hannibal, be amended to allow council members to attend council meetings by electronic means in the event that due to illness of a council person or persons, contamination of city hall, a general health emergency or pandemic that council persons should quarantine and not be present in City Hall.

Sec. 2.07. - Meetings, time and place.

The council shall meet regularly not less frequently than once each month, may adjourn a regular or special meeting to a day certain and shall meet regularly and specially as prescribed by its rules. All meetings of the council shall be open to the public and shall be held in the council chambers of the city hall unless it is not tenantable. In the event that due to illness of a council person or persons, contamination of city hall, a general health emergency or pandemic, council persons shall be allowed to attend the Council Meeting via electronic means including online meeting software and phone attendance, provided that the council person attending via electronic means must satisfactorily prove their identity. In the event council members attend by electronic means, appropriate methods must be used to ensure that the public may attend the meeting also. The first meeting of each newly elected council, for induction into office, shall be held on the first regular council meeting of the next month following the municipal election at which such new council members are elected. Council members or a mayor elected at a special election to fill a vacancy of an unexpired term shall be seated at the next regular council meeting following the special election.

[] Yes [] No

SECTION TWO: JUDGES. The Election shall be conducted by several judges appointed to serve at the Election.

SECTION THREE: POLLING PLACES. The said polling places shall be open on the day of the General Election at the hour of six o'clock a.m. and shall remain open until the hour of seven o'clock p.m. on said date. That said General Election shall be held and conducted and the results thereof shall be certified, canvassed, and declared in all respects in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri governing elections in the City of Hannibal and in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of the City of Hannibal.

SECTION FOUR: The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to furnish the judges and clerks of said General Election with all poll books, tally sheets, ballots, ballot boxes, and other supplies necessary for the conduct of said General Election.

SECTION FIVE: That the City Clerk shall be, and is, hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this ordinance to the Registrars of the City of Hannibal and that said Registrars are hereby requested to take such action as may be required of them by law in the premises.

SECTION SIX: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication.

ADOPTED this 5th day of January, 2021

APPROVED this 5th day of January, 2021



James Hark, Mayor

ATTEST:



Angelica N. Zerbonia, City Clerk