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CHARTER ORDINANCE NO.14-16

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF NORTH NEWTON, KANSAS, FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 15-201, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE, TRANSITIONS TO NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, THE FILLING OF GOVERNING BODY VACANCIES; AND NOMINATION PETITIONS; AND, PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT; AND REPEALING CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 2.

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

SECTION I. The City of North Newton, 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. 15-201, which applies to this city, but is part of an enactment which does not apply uniformly to all cities.

SECTION II. The governing body shall consist of a mayor and five 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 North Newton, Kansas.

SECTION III. 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 IV. General elections shall 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. A mayor and two council members shall be

elected at one election, and the remaining three council members shall be elected at the succeeding election. The mayor and all council members shall have four year terms.

SECTION V. In accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, any person may become a candidate for city office elected at large by having had filed on their behalf, a nomination petition or a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by any fee required by law. The nomination petition must be signed by two percent of the qualified electors of the City of North Newton.

SECTION VI. All elections for the City of North Newton, Kansas shall be nonpartisan.

SECTION VII. Charter Ordinance No. 2 is repealed.

SECTION VIII. This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in THE NEWTON KANSAN, the official newspaper of said City.

SECTION IX. 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 and ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of North Newton, Kansas, this 11th day of April, 2016.



RONALD D. BRAUN, Mayor

ATTEST:



PATRICIA S. REDDING, City Clerk

(SEAL)

