

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 282—ASSEMBLYMEN
SPIEGEL; COHEN AND FUMO

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to municipal elections.
(BDR 24-939)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 4, 10, 14, 15, 19, 20, 24,
25, 30, 31, 35, 36, 41, 42, 46, 51, 54, 55, 58, 60, 64, 65, 71, 76)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to cities; requiring cities to be divided into wards; setting forth certain requirements for dividing a city into wards; requiring a member of the governing body of a city to be elected only by the registered voters of the ward that he or she seeks to represent; requiring a vacancy on the governing body of a city to be filled at a special election under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, a city incorporated pursuant to general law may be divided
2 into a certain number of wards based on the population of the city, with each ward
3 represented on the governing body of the city by a council member. If a city is not
4 divided into wards, all members of a city council are elected by and represent the
5 city at large. (NRS 266.095, 266.215, 266.220)

6 Under the existing charters of Boulder City, Caliente, Carlin, Elko, Mesquite,
7 Wells and Yerington, the cities are not divided into wards and candidates for
8 Council Member must be voted on by the registered voters of the City at large in
9 both a primary and a general election. (Charter of Boulder City §§ 4, 96; Caliente
10 City Charter § 2.010; Carlin City Charter §§ 2.010, 5.020; Elko City Charter §
11 2.010; Mesquite City Charter §§ 2.010, 5.010; Wells City Charter §§ 2.010, 5.020;
12 Yerington City Charter § 2.010)

13 Under the existing charters of Carson City and the City of Henderson, the cities
14 are divided into wards, but the candidates for Supervisor and Council Member,
15 respectively, are voted on by the registered voters of the City at large. (Carson City



16 Charter §§ 1.060, 2.010, 5.010, 5.020; Henderson City Charter §§ 1.040, 2.010,
17 5.010, 5.020)

18 Under the existing charters of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Sparks, the
19 cities are divided into wards and the candidates for Council Member are voted upon
20 only by the registered voters of the ward that the candidate seeks to represent. (Las
21 Vegas City Charter §§ 1.130, 2.020, 5.010, 5.020; North Las Vegas City Charter §§
22 1.045, 2.010, 5.010, 5.020; Sparks City Charter §§ 1.040, 1.060, 5.010, 5.020)

23 In 2017, the Charter of the City of Reno was amended to increase the number
24 of wards in the City of Reno from five to six and replace the Council Member who
25 represents the city at large with a Council Member to represent the newly created
26 sixth ward, effective January 1, 2024. (Assembly Bill No. 36, chapter 584 Statutes
27 of Nevada 2017, p. 4195; Reno City Charter §§ 1.050, 2.010, 5.010, 5.020)

28 This bill requires each city incorporated pursuant to general law or charter to be
29 divided into wards where each ward is represented on the governing body of the
30 city by a member who is elected only by the registered voters of the ward. Effective
31 January 1, 2023, and with limited exception: (1) each city must be divided into
32 wards such that there is an odd number of voting members on the governing body,
33 including the city mayor, if applicable; (2) each city may not have more than eight
34 wards if the Mayor is a voting member of the governing body or nine wards if the
35 Mayor is not a voting member of the governing body, unless the voters of the city
36 approve having more than eight or nine wards, respectively; (3) each ward must be,
37 as nearly as practicable, of equal population; and (4) the population of each ward
38 must be less than the average population of assembly districts in the State as
39 determined at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. This
40 bill also requires, with limited exception, that the number and boundaries of
41 existing wards be changed when the population of any ward is more than the
42 average population of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of
43 the most recent apportionment of assembly districts.

44 Under existing law, a vacancy on the governing body of a city may be filled by
45 appointment or by special election. (NRS 268.325) **Section 9** of this bill requires
46 such a vacancy to be filled at a special election if appointing a member to fill the
47 vacancy would result in a majority of the governing body to have been appointed to
48 the office.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 293C.140 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 293C.140 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115,
4 a general city election must be held in each city of population
5 categories one and two on the second Tuesday after the first
6 Monday in June of the first odd-numbered year after incorporation,
7 and on the same day every 2 years thereafter as determined by law,
8 ordinance or resolution, at which time there must be elected the
9 elective city officers, the offices of which are required next to be
10 filled by election. ~~[All candidates, except as otherwise provided in~~
11 ~~NRS 266.220, at] At the general city election :~~



1 (a) *A candidate for the office of city council member, must be*
2 *voted upon only by the registered voters of the ward that the*
3 *candidate seeks to represent.*

4 (b) *All other candidates* must be voted upon by the electors of
5 the city at large.

6 2. Unless the terms of office of city council members are
7 extended by an ordinance adopted pursuant to NRS 293C.115, the
8 terms of office are 4 years, which terms must be staggered. The
9 council members elected to office immediately after incorporation
10 shall decide, by lot, among themselves which of their offices expire
11 at the next general city election, and thereafter the terms of office
12 must be 4 years unless the terms are extended by an ordinance
13 adopted pursuant to NRS 293C.115.

14 **Sec. 2.** NRS 293C.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 293C.145 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115,
16 a general city election must be held in each city of population
17 category three on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in June
18 of the first odd-numbered year after incorporation, and on the same
19 day every 2 years thereafter, as determined by ordinance.

20 2. There must be one mayor and ~~three or five~~ *one* council
21 ~~members,~~ *member for each ward* as the city council shall provide
22 by ordinance, for each city of population category three. Unless the
23 terms of office of the mayor and the council members are extended
24 by an ordinance adopted pursuant to NRS 293C.115, the terms of
25 office of the mayor and the council members are 4 years, which
26 terms must be staggered. The mayor and council members elected to
27 office immediately after incorporation shall decide, by lot, among
28 themselves which ~~two~~ of their offices expire at the next general
29 city election, and thereafter the terms of office must be 4 years
30 unless the terms are extended by an ordinance adopted pursuant to
31 NRS 293C.115. If a city council thereafter increases the number of
32 council members, it shall, by lot, stagger the initial terms of the
33 additional members.

34 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115, a candidate
35 for any office to be voted for at the general city election must file a
36 declaration of candidacy with the city clerk not less than 60 days nor
37 more than 70 days before the day of the general city election. The
38 city clerk shall charge and collect from the candidate and the
39 candidate must pay to the city clerk, at the time of filing the
40 declaration of candidacy, a filing fee in an amount fixed by the city
41 council by ordinance or resolution.

42 4. Candidates for mayor must be voted upon by the electors of
43 the city at large. Candidates for the city council must be voted upon
44 by the electors of their respective wards to represent the wards in



1 which they reside . ~~for by the electors of the city at large in~~
2 ~~accordance with the provisions of chapter 266 of NRS.~~

3 **Sec. 3.** NRS 293C.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293C.175 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115,
5 a primary city election must be held in each city of population
6 category one, and in each city of population category two that has so
7 provided by ordinance, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
8 April of every year in which a general city election is to be held, at
9 which time there must be nominated candidates for offices to be
10 voted for at the next general city election.

11 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115, a candidate
12 for any office to be voted for at the primary city election must file a
13 declaration of candidacy with the city clerk not less than 60 days or
14 more than 70 days before the date of the primary city election. The
15 city clerk shall charge and collect from the candidate and
16 the candidate must pay to the city clerk, at the time of filing the
17 declaration of candidacy, a filing fee in an amount fixed by the
18 governing body of the city by ordinance or resolution. The filing
19 fees collected by the city clerk must be deposited to the credit of the
20 general fund of the city.

21 3. *At a primary city election:*

22 (a) *A candidate for the office of city council member must be*
23 *voted upon by the registered voters of the ward that the candidate*
24 *seeks to represent.*

25 (b) All *other* candidates ~~[, except as otherwise provided in NRS~~
26 ~~266.220,]~~ must be voted upon by the electors of the city at large.

27 4. If, in a primary city election held in a city of population
28 category one or two, one candidate receives a majority of votes cast
29 in that election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, the
30 candidate must be declared elected to the office and the candidate's
31 name must not be placed on the ballot for the general city election.
32 If, in the primary city election, no candidate receives a majority of
33 votes cast in that election for the office for which he or she is a
34 candidate, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest
35 number of votes must be placed on the ballot for the general city
36 election.

37 **Sec. 4.** NRS 266.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 266.095 1. In a city incorporated pursuant to this chapter, the
39 city ~~[may]~~ *must at the time of incorporation* be divided into wards
40 by ordinance as follows:

41 (a) ~~[A city of population category one, into four or six wards.]~~
42 *There must be an odd number of wards.*

43 (b) ~~[A city of population category two or three, into three or five~~
44 ~~wards.]~~ *The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal*
45 *population and in compact form.*



1 (c) *The total number of wards must not exceed nine.*

2 (d) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
3 *population of each ward must be less than the average population*
4 *of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of the*
5 *most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the city would*
6 *need more than nine wards in order to ensure that the population*
7 *of every ward is less than the average population of assembly*
8 *districts in the State, the city must be divided into nine wards and*
9 *the population of each ward must, as nearly as practicable, be of*
10 *equal population.*

11 2. The division of cities into wards must, during the
12 incorporation thereof, be made by the board of county
13 commissioners. ~~[The wards must as nearly as practicable be of equal~~
14 ~~population and in compact form.]~~

15 3. Once established, the *number and* boundaries of wards
16 ~~[must]~~ *may only* be changed by ordinance of the city council.

17 4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.209, the
18 boundaries of the wards:

19 (a) Must be changed ~~[whenever]~~:

20 (1) *Whenever* the population, as determined by the last
21 preceding national decennial census conducted by the Bureau of the
22 Census of the United States Department of Commerce, in any ward
23 exceeds the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent ~~[.]~~
24 ; or

25 (2) *Whenever the population of any ward is more than the*
26 *average population of assembly districts in the State, as*
27 *determined after every apportionment of assembly districts.*

28 (b) May be changed to include territory which has been
29 annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds the
30 population in any other ward by more than 5 percent by any
31 measure that is found to be reliable by the city council.

32 5. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 and NRS*
33 *293.209, the city council must increase the number of wards in*
34 *which the city is divided if, at the time the boundaries of the wards*
35 *are required to be changed pursuant to subsection 4, it is not*
36 *possible for the population of each of the existing wards to be less*
37 *than the average population of assembly districts in the State as*
38 *determined at the time of the most recent apportionment of*
39 *assembly districts.*

40 6. *If the city council is required to increase the number of*
41 *wards pursuant to subsection 5:*

42 (a) *There must be an odd number of wards.*

43 (b) *The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal*
44 *population and in compact form.*



1 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the
2 population of each ward must be less than the average population
3 of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of the
4 most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the city council
5 would have to create more than nine wards in order to ensure that
6 the population of each ward is less than the average population of
7 assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of the most
8 recent apportionment of assembly districts, the city council must
9 submit a question to the registered voters seeking approval to
10 create more than nine wards at the next general election held in
11 the city. If such question is approved by the registered voters, the
12 city council must create the number of wards so approved by
13 the voters and the population of each ward must be less than the
14 average population of assembly districts in the State as determined
15 at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly districts.
16 If such question is not approved by the voters, the city council
17 must not increase the number of wards pursuant to subsection 5
18 and the existing wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal
19 population and in compact form.

20 (d) The office of a council member to represent a new ward
21 must be filled initially at the general city election immediately
22 following:

23 (1) The date on which the city council determined that an
24 increase in the number of wards was necessary; or

25 (2) The general city election at which the question
26 proposing the increase in wards is approved by the voters,

27 **↳ as applicable. Such an office must not be filled initially by**
28 **appointment. Each council member elected pursuant to this**
29 **subsection holds office for a period of 4 years and until a**
30 **successor is elected and qualified.**

31 **Sec. 5.** NRS 266.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 266.185 1. During the absence or disability of the mayor, ~~[-~~

33 ~~—(a) In a city of population category one that is divided into~~
34 ~~wards, the council member at large shall act as mayor pro tem.~~

35 ~~—(b) In all other cities incorporated pursuant to this chapter,]~~ the
36 city council shall, by ordinance or resolution, provide for the
37 appointment of one of its members as mayor pro tem.

38 2. During the absence or disability of the mayor, the mayor pro
39 tem shall:

40 (a) Possess the powers and duties of mayor; and

41 (b) ~~[-Except in a city of population category one, hold]~~ **Hold** the
42 office of mayor pro tem at the pleasure of the city council.



Sec. 6. NRS 266.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

266.215 Council members must be:

1. Qualified electors within their respective cities and bona fide residents thereof for a period of at least 1 year next preceding their election.

2. ~~Except as otherwise provided in NRS 266.220, qualified~~ **Qualified** electors within their respective wards.

Sec. 7. NRS 266.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

266.220 ~~1. If a city of population category one is:~~

~~(a) Divided into wards, the~~ **A** city council must be composed of ~~five or seven council members with~~ one council member from each ward who is elected only by the electors who reside in that ward. ~~and one council member who is elected by the city at large.~~

~~(b) Not divided into wards, five or seven council members must be elected by the voters of the city at large.~~

~~2. If a city of population category two or three is:~~

~~(a) Divided into wards, the city council must be composed of three or five council members with one council member from each ward who is elected only by the electors who reside in that ward.~~

~~(b) Not divided into wards, the three or five council members must be elected by the voters of the city at large.]~~

Sec. 8. NRS 266.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

266.225 Except as otherwise provided in NRS **266.095 and** 268.325, any vacancy occurring in the office of council member by death, resignation, removal or otherwise must be filled by the mayor and city council at the first regular meeting after the vacancy, when the council and the mayor, who has the same voting power thereon as a council member, shall by a majority vote elect some person possessing the requisite qualifications, who shall hold the office until the election and qualification of a successor at the next general city election.

Sec. 9. NRS 268.325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

268.325 ~~1.]~~

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a vacancy occurs on the governing body of a city, the governing body may, in lieu of appointment, declare by resolution a special election to fill the vacancy.

2. If a vacancy occurs on the governing body of a city and appointing a member would result in a majority of the governing body holding office who were initially appointed to the governing body, the governing body shall declare by resolution a special election to fill the vacancy.



1 **Sec. 10.** The Charter of Boulder City is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 3.7,
3 immediately following section 3.5, to read as follows:

4 *Section 3.7. Wards: Creation; boundaries.*

5 1. *The City must by ordinance be divided into wards*
6 *which must:*

7 (a) *Result in an odd number of voting members of the*
8 *City Council, including the Mayor.*

9 (b) *As nearly as practicable, be of equal population and*
10 *contiguous.*

11 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, each*
12 *have a population that is less than the average population of*
13 *assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
14 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the*
15 *City would need more than eight wards in order to ensure*
16 *that the population of every ward is less than the average*
17 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
18 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
19 *districts, the City must be divided into eight wards and the*
20 *population of each ward must, as nearly as practicable, be*
21 *of equal population and contiguous unless the voters of the*
22 *City approve having more than eight wards.*

23 2. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.209, the*
24 *boundaries of the wards:*

25 (a) *Must be changed:*

26 (1) *Whenever the population in any ward exceeds the*
27 *population in any other ward by more than 5 percent, as*
28 *determined by the last preceding national decennial census*
29 *conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United States*
30 *Department of Commerce; or*

31 (2) *Whenever the population of any ward is more*
32 *than the average population of assembly districts in the*
33 *State, as determined after every apportionment of assembly*
34 *districts.*

35 (b) *May be changed to include territory which has been*
36 *annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds*
37 *the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent by*
38 *any measure that is found to be reliable by the City Council.*

39 3. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and*
40 *NRS 293.209, the City Council must increase the number of*
41 *wards in which the City is divided if, at the time the*
42 *boundaries of wards are changed pursuant to subsection 2,*
43 *it is not possible for the population of each of the existing*
44 *wards to be less than the average population of assembly*



1 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
2 *recent apportionment of assembly districts.*

3 *4. If the City Council is required to increase the*
4 *number of wards pursuant to subsection 3:*

5 *(a) The number of wards must result in an odd number*
6 *of voting members of the City Council, including the Mayor.*

7 *(b) The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal*
8 *population and in compact form.*

9 *(c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
10 *population of each ward must be less than the average*
11 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
12 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
13 *districts. If the City Council would have to create more than*
14 *eight wards in order to ensure that the population of each*
15 *ward is less than the average population of assembly*
16 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
17 *recent apportionment of assembly districts, the City Council*
18 *must submit a question to the registered voters seeking*
19 *approval to create more than eight wards at the next general*
20 *election held in the city. If such question is approved by the*
21 *registered voters, the City Council must create the number*
22 *of wards so approved by the voters and the population of*
23 *each ward must be less than the average population*
24 *of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
25 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If such*
26 *question is not approved by the voters, the City Council*
27 *must not increase the number of wards pursuant to*
28 *subsection 3 and the existing wards must, as nearly as*
29 *practicable, be of equal population and in compact form.*

30 *(d) The office of Council Member to represent a new*
31 *ward must be filled initially at a general municipal election*
32 *as set forth in section 96. Such an office must not be filled*
33 *initially by appointment.*

34 **Sec. 11.** Section 4 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby
35 amended to read as follows:

36 Section 4. Number; selection and term; eligibility for
37 office; recall.

38 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 96, the City
39 Council shall have ~~four~~ *one* Council ~~Members~~ *Member*
40 *elected from each ward* and a Mayor elected from the City at
41 large in the manner provided in Article IX, for terms of four
42 years and until their successors have been elected and have
43 taken office as provided in section 16. ~~No~~ *Each* Council
44 Member shall represent ~~any particular constituency or~~
45 ~~district~~ *a ward* of the City, and ~~each Council Member~~ *the*



1 **Mayor** shall represent the entire City. (Amd. 2; 6-4-1991;
2 Add. 17; Amd. 1; 11-5-1996)

3 2. (Repealed by Amd. 1; 6-4-1991)

4 3. No person may be elected to the office of Mayor who
5 has served in that office for 12 years or more, unless the
6 permissible number of terms or duration of service is
7 otherwise specified in the Nevada Constitution. (Add. 26;
8 Amd. 4; 11-2-2010)

9 4. No person may be elected to the office of Council
10 Member who has served in that office for 12 years or more,
11 unless the permissible number of terms or duration of service
12 is otherwise specified in the Nevada Constitution. (Add. 26;
13 Amd. 4; 11-2-2010)

14 5. The Council Members and the Mayor are subject to
15 recall as provided in section 111.5.

16 **Sec. 12.** Section 5 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 5. Qualifications.

19 1. No person shall be eligible for the office of Council
20 Member or Mayor unless he or she is a qualified elector of
21 Boulder City and has been a resident of the City for at least 2
22 years immediately prior to the election in which he or she is a
23 candidate. ***No person shall be eligible for the office of
24 Council Member unless he or she is a resident of the ward
25 that he or she seeks to represent.*** He or she shall hold no
26 other elective public office, but he or she may hold a
27 commission as a notary public or be a member of the Armed
28 Forces reserve. No employee of the City or officer thereof,
29 excluding City Council Members, receiving compensation
30 under the provisions of this Charter or any City ordinance,
31 shall be a candidate for or eligible for the office of Council
32 Member or Mayor without first resigning from City
33 employment or City office. (Add. 8; Amd. 1; 6-7-1977; Add.
34 17; Amd. 1; 11-5-1996)

35 2. If a Council Member or the Mayor ceases to possess
36 any of the qualifications enumerated in subsection 1 or is
37 convicted of a felony, or ceases to be a resident of the City, ***or
38 if a Council Member ceases to be a resident of the ward he
39 or she represents,*** his or her office shall immediately become
40 vacant ***except that changes to the boundaries of a ward
41 pursuant to section 3.7 do not affect the right of any elected
42 Council Member to continue in office for the term for which
43 he or she was elected.*** (1959 Charter) (Add. 17; Amd. 1;
44 11-5-1996)



1 **Sec. 13.** Section 12 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 12. Vacancies in Council.

4 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 268.325 ~~§~~ and
5 *section 3.7*, a vacancy on the Council must be filled by
6 appointment by a majority of the remaining members of the
7 Council within 30 days or after three regular or special
8 meetings, whichever is the shorter period of time. In the event
9 of a tie vote among the remaining members of the Council,
10 selection must be made by lot. No such appointment extends
11 beyond the next municipal election. (Add. 19; Amd. 1; 7-16-
12 1997)

13 **Sec. 14.** Section 96 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 96. Conduct of municipal elections.

16 1. All municipal elections must be nonpartisan in
17 character and must be conducted in accordance with the
18 provisions of the general election laws of the State of Nevada
19 and any ordinance regulations as adopted by the City Council
20 which are consistent with law and this Charter. (1959
21 Charter)

22 2. All full terms of office in the City Council are 4 years,
23 and Council Members must be elected ~~[at-large without~~
24 ~~regard to precinct residency.]~~ *by the registered voters of the*
25 *ward that he or she seeks to represent.* Except as otherwise
26 provided in ~~[subsection 8, two full-term]~~ *subsections 7 and 8,*
27 *two* Council Members and the Mayor are to be elected in each
28 year immediately preceding a federal presidential election,
29 and two ~~[full-term]~~ Council Members are to be elected in
30 each year immediately following a federal presidential
31 election. In each election, the candidates receiving the
32 greatest number of votes must be declared elected to the
33 ~~[vacant]~~ *available* full-term positions. (Add. 17; Amd. 1;
34 11-5-1996)

35 3. In the event one or more 2-year term positions on the
36 Council will be available at the time of a *general* municipal
37 election as provided in section 12, candidates must file
38 specifically for such position(s). Candidates receiving the
39 greatest respective number of votes must be declared elected
40 to the respective available 2-year positions. (Add. 15; Amd.
41 2; 6-4-1991)

42 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, a
43 primary municipal election must be held on the first Tuesday
44 after the first Monday in April of each odd-numbered year
45 and a general municipal election must be held on the second



1 Tuesday after the first Monday in June of each odd-numbered
2 year.

3 5. A primary municipal election must not be held *for a*
4 *particular position on the City Council* if ~~[no]~~ *not* more than
5 ~~[double the number of Council Members to be elected]~~ *two*
6 *candidates* file ~~[as candidates.]~~ *for that position*. A primary
7 municipal election must not be held for the office of Mayor if
8 no more than two candidates file for that position. ~~[The~~
9 ~~primary municipal election must be held for the purpose of~~
10 ~~eliminating candidates in excess of a figure double the~~
11 ~~number of Council Members to be elected.]~~ (Add. 17; Amd.
12 1; 11-5-1996)

13 6. If, in the primary municipal election, a candidate
14 receives votes equal to a majority of voters casting ballots *for*
15 *the position* in that election, he or she shall be considered
16 elected to ~~[one of the vacancies]~~ *the position* and his or her
17 name shall not be placed on the ballot for the general
18 municipal election. (Add. 10; Amd. 7; 6-2-1981)

19 7. ~~[In each primary and general municipal election,~~
20 ~~voters are entitled to cast ballots for candidates in a number~~
21 ~~equal to the number of seats to be filled in the municipal~~
22 ~~elections. (Add. 11; Amd. 5; 6-7-1983)]~~ *If the City Council is*
23 *required to increase the number of wards pursuant to*
24 *section 3.7, the office of Council Member to represent a new*
25 *ward must be filled initially at the general municipal*
26 *election immediately following:*

27 (a) *The date on which the City Council determined that*
28 *an increase in the number of wards was necessary; or*

29 (b) *The general municipal election at which the question*
30 *proposing the increase in wards is approved by the voters,*
31 *as applicable. Any Council Member elected pursuant to*
32 *this subsection holds office for a period of 4 years and until*
33 *his or her successor is elected and qualified.*

34 8. The City Council may by ordinance provide for a
35 primary municipal election and general municipal election on
36 the dates set forth for primary elections and general elections
37 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS.

38 9. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant to
39 subsection 8, the dates set forth in NRS 293.12755, in
40 subsections 2 to 5, inclusive, of NRS 293.165 and in NRS
41 293.175, 293.177, 293.345 and 293.368 apply for the
42 purposes of conducting the primary municipal elections and
43 general municipal elections.

44 10. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant to
45 subsection 8, the ordinance must not affect the term of office



1 of any elected official of the City serving in office on the
2 effective date of the ordinance. The next succeeding term for
3 that office may be shortened but may not be lengthened as a
4 result of the ordinance.

5 11. The conduct of all municipal elections must be under
6 the control of the City Council, which shall adopt by
7 ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and
8 consistent with law and this Charter. Nothing in this Charter
9 shall be construed as to deny or abridge the power of the City
10 Council to provide for supplemental regulations for the
11 prevention of fraud in such elections and for the recount of
12 ballots in cases of doubt or fraud. (Add. 24; Amd. 1; 6-3-
13 2003)

14 **Sec. 15.** The Charter of the City of Caliente, being chapter 31,
15 Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 55, is hereby amended by adding
16 thereto a new section to be designated as section 1.035, immediately
17 following section 1.030, to read as follows:

18 *Sec. 1.035 Wards; Creation; boundaries.*

19 *1. The City must by ordinance be divided into wards*
20 *which must:*

21 *(a) Result in an odd number of voting members of the*
22 *City Council, including the Mayor.*

23 *(b) As nearly as practicable, be of equal population and*
24 *contiguous.*

25 *(c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, each*
26 *have a population that is less than the average population of*
27 *assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
28 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the*
29 *City would need more than eight wards in order to ensure*
30 *that the population of every ward is less than the average*
31 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
32 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
33 *districts, the city must be divided into eight wards and the*
34 *population of each ward must, as nearly as practicable, be*
35 *of equal population and contiguous unless the voters of the*
36 *City approve having more than eight wards.*

37 *2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.209, the*
38 *boundaries of the wards:*

39 *(a) Must be changed:*

40 *(1) Whenever the population in any ward exceeds the*
41 *population in any other ward by more than 5 percent, as*
42 *determined by the last preceding national decennial census*
43 *conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United States*
44 *Department of Commerce; or*



1 (2) *Whenever the population of any ward is more*
2 *than the average population of assembly districts in the*
3 *State, as determined after every apportionment of assembly*
4 *districts.*

5 (b) *May be changed to include territory which has been*
6 *annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds*
7 *the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent by*
8 *any measure that is found to be reliable by the City Council.*

9 3. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and*
10 *NRS 293.209, the City Council must increase the number of*
11 *wards in which the City is divided if, at the time the*
12 *boundaries of wards are changed pursuant to subsection 2,*
13 *it is not possible for the population of each of the existing*
14 *wards to be less than the average population of assembly*
15 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
16 *recent apportionment of assembly districts.*

17 4. *If the City Council is required to increase the*
18 *number of wards pursuant to subsection 3:*

19 (a) *The number of wards must result in an odd number*
20 *of voting members of the City Council, including the Mayor.*

21 (b) *The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal*
22 *population and in compact form.*

23 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
24 *population of each ward must be less than the average*
25 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
26 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
27 *districts. If the City Council would have to create more than*
28 *eight wards in order to ensure that the population of each*
29 *ward is less than the average population of assembly*
30 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
31 *recent apportionment of assembly districts, the City Council*
32 *must submit a question to the registered voters seeking*
33 *approval to create more than eight wards at the next general*
34 *city election. If such question is approved by the registered*
35 *voters, the City Council must create the number of wards so*
36 *approved by the voters and the population of each ward*
37 *must be less than the average population of assembly*
38 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
39 *recent apportionment of assembly districts. If such question*
40 *is not approved by the voters, the City Council must not*
41 *increase the number of wards pursuant to subsection 3 and*
42 *the existing wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of*
43 *equal population and in compact form.*



1 (d) *The office of Council Member to represent a new*
2 *ward must be filled initially as set forth in section 5.010.*
3 *Such an office must not be filled initially by appointment.*

4 **Sec. 16.** Section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Caliente,
5 being chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter
6 71, Statutes of Nevada 1975, at page 81, is hereby amended to read
7 as follows:

8 Sec. 1.050 Elective offices.

9 1. The elective officers of the City consist of:

10 (a) A Mayor.

11 (b) ~~Four~~ **One** Council ~~Members.~~ **Member from each**
12 **ward.**

13 2. Such officers shall be elected as provided by this
14 Charter.

15 **Sec. 17.** Section 1.060 of the Charter of the City of Caliente,
16 being chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
17 chapter 515, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 2449, is hereby
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Sec. 1.060 Elective offices: Vacancies. Except as
20 otherwise provided in NRS 268.325 ~~and~~ **and section 1.035:**

21 1. A vacancy in the City Council or in the office of
22 Mayor must be filled by a majority vote of the members of
23 the City Council within 30 days after the occurrence of the
24 vacancy. A person may be selected to fill a prospective
25 vacancy in the Council before the vacancy occurs. In such a
26 case, each member of the Council, except any member whose
27 term of office expires before the occurrence of the vacancy,
28 may participate in any action taken by the Council pursuant to
29 this section. The appointee must have the same qualifications
30 as are required of the elected official.

31 2. The appointee shall serve until the next municipal
32 election and his or her successor is elected and qualified. At
33 the time of the election, if a balance remains in the term of
34 office to which the appointee was appointed, the successor
35 may be elected only for the balance of that term.

36 **Sec. 18.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Caliente,
37 being chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
38 chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 954, is hereby
39 amended to read as follows:

40 Sec. 2.010 City Council: Qualifications; election; term
41 of office; salary.

42 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City
43 Council consisting of ~~five Council Members, including the~~
44 **one Council Member from each ward and a** Mayor.

45 2. The Mayor ~~and each Council Member~~ must be ~~and~~ **a:**



1 (a) Bona fide ~~[residents]~~ *resident* of the City for at least 2
2 years immediately prior to ~~[their]~~ *his or her* election.

3 (b) Qualified ~~[electors]~~ *elector* within the City.

4 3. *Each Council Member must be a:*

5 (a) *Bona fide resident of the City for at least 2 years*
6 *immediately prior to his or her election.*

7 (b) *Qualified elector within the City.*

8 (c) *Resident of the ward which he or she represents,*
9 *except that changes to the boundaries of a ward pursuant to*
10 *section 1.035 do not affect the right of any elected Council*
11 *Member to continue in office for the term for which he or*
12 *she was elected.*

13 4. *The Mayor must be voted upon by the registered*
14 *voters of the City at large.*

15 5. *Each Council Member must be voted upon only by*
16 *the registered voters of the ward he or she seeks to*
17 *represent.*

18 6. All Council Members, including the Mayor, ~~[must be~~
19 ~~voted upon by the registered voters of the City at large and]~~
20 shall serve for terms of 4 years except as otherwise provided
21 in section 5.010.

22 ~~[4.]~~ 7. The Mayor and Council Members shall receive a
23 salary in an amount fixed by the City Council. Such salary
24 must not be increased or diminished during the term of the
25 recipient.

26 **Sec. 19.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Caliente,
27 being chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
28 chapter 336, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 1889, is hereby
29 amended to read as follows:

30 Sec. 5.010 Municipal elections.

31 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~[subsection 2:]~~
32 *subsections 2 and 3:*

33 (a) On the second Tuesday after the first Monday in June
34 2019, and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter,
35 there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a
36 general municipal election to be held for that purpose, two
37 Council Members who shall hold office for a period of 4
38 years and until their successors have been elected and
39 qualified.

40 (b) On the second Tuesday after the first Monday in June
41 2017, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be
42 elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general
43 municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and
44 two Council Members, who shall hold office for a period of 4



1 years and until their successors have been elected and
2 qualified.

3 2. *If the City Council is required to increase the*
4 *number of wards pursuant to section 1.035, the office of*
5 *Council Member to represent a new ward must be filled*
6 *initially at the general municipal election immediately*
7 *following:*

8 (a) *The date on which the City Council determined that*
9 *an increase in the number of wards was necessary; or*

10 (b) *The general municipal election at which the question*
11 *proposing the increase in wards is approved by the voters,*
12 *↪ as applicable. Any Council Member elected pursuant to*
13 *this subsection holds office for a period of 4 years and until*
14 *his or her successor is elected and qualified.*

15 3. The City Council may by ordinance provide for a
16 primary municipal election and general municipal election on
17 the dates set forth for primary elections and general elections
18 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS.

19 ~~[3-]~~ 4. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant
20 to subsection 2, the dates set forth in NRS 293.12755, in
21 subsections 2 to 5, inclusive, of NRS 293.165 and in NRS
22 293.175, 293.177, 293.345 and 293.368 apply for the
23 purposes of conducting the primary municipal elections and
24 general municipal elections.

25 ~~[4-]~~ 5. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant
26 to subsection 2, the term of office of any elected official may
27 be shortened but may not be lengthened as a result of the
28 ordinance.

29 **Sec. 20.** The Charter of the City of Carlin, being chapter 344,
30 Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 603, is hereby amended by adding
31 thereto a new section to be designated as section 1.035, immediately
32 following section 1.030, to read as follows:

33 *Sec. 1.035 Wards: Creation; boundaries.*

34 1. *The City must by ordinance be divided into wards*
35 *which must:*

36 (a) *Result in an odd number of voting members of the*
37 *Board of Council Members, including the Mayor.*

38 (b) *As nearly as practicable, be of equal population and*
39 *contiguous.*

40 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, each*
41 *have a population that is less than the average population of*
42 *assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
43 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the*
44 *City would need more than eight wards in order to ensure*
45 *that the population of every ward is less than the average*



1 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
2 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
3 *districts, the City must be divided into eight wards and the*
4 *population of each ward must, as nearly as practicable, be*
5 *of equal population and contiguous unless the voters of the*
6 *City approve having more than eight wards.*

7 2. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.209, the*
8 *boundaries of the wards:*

9 (a) *Must be changed:*

10 (1) *Whenever the population in any ward exceeds the*
11 *population in any other ward by more than 5 percent, as*
12 *determined by the last preceding national decennial census*
13 *conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United States*
14 *Department of Commerce; or*

15 (2) *Whenever the population of any ward is more*
16 *than the average population of assembly districts in the*
17 *State, as determined after every apportionment of assembly*
18 *districts.*

19 (b) *May be changed to include territory which has been*
20 *annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds*
21 *the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent by*
22 *any measure that is found to be reliable by the Board of*
23 *Council Members.*

24 3. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and*
25 *NRS 293.209, the Board of Council Members must increase*
26 *the number of wards in which the City is divided if, at the*
27 *time the boundaries of wards are changed pursuant to*
28 *subsection 2, it is not possible for the population of each of*
29 *the existing wards to be less than the average population*
30 *of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
31 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts.*

32 4. *If the Board of Council Members is required to*
33 *increase the number of wards pursuant to subsection 3:*

34 (a) *The number of wards must result in an odd number*
35 *of voting members of the Board of Council Members,*
36 *including the Mayor.*

37 (b) *The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal*
38 *population and in compact form.*

39 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
40 *population of each ward must be less than the average*
41 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
42 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
43 *districts. If the Board of Council Members would have to*
44 *create more than eight wards in order to ensure that the*
45 *population of each ward is less than the average population*



1 *of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
2 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts, the*
3 *Board of Council Members must submit a question to the*
4 *registered voters seeking approval to create more than eight*
5 *wards at the next general city election. If such question is*
6 *approved by the registered voters, the Board of Council*
7 *Members must create the number of wards so approved by*
8 *the voters and the population of each ward must be less*
9 *than the average population of assembly districts in the*
10 *State as determined at the time of the most recent*
11 *apportionment of assembly districts. If such question is not*
12 *approved by the voters, the Board of Council Members must*
13 *not increase the number of wards pursuant to subsection 3*
14 *and the existing wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of*
15 *equal population and in compact form.*

16 *(d) The office of Council Member to represent a new*
17 *ward must be filled initially as set forth in section 5.010.*
18 *Such an office must not be filled initially by appointment.*

19 **Sec. 21.** Section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Carlin,
20 being chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 603, is hereby
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Sec. 1.050 Elective offices.

23 1. The elective officers of the City consist of:

24 (a) A Mayor.

25 (b) ~~Four~~ **One** Council ~~Members~~ **Member for each**
26 **ward.**

27 2. Such officers shall be elected as provided by this
28 Charter.

29 **Sec. 22.** Section 1.060 of the Charter of the City of Carlin,
30 being chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
31 chapter 57, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 141, is hereby
32 amended to read as follows:

33 Sec. 1.060 Elective offices: Vacancies. Except as
34 otherwise provided in NRS 268.325 ~~and~~ **and section 1.035:**

35 1. A vacancy in the Board of Council Members or in the
36 office of Mayor must be filled by a majority vote of the
37 members of the Board of Council Members within 30 days
38 after the occurrence of the vacancy. A person may be selected
39 to fill a prospective vacancy in the Board before the vacancy
40 occurs. In such a case, each member of the Board, except any
41 member whose term of office expires before the occurrence
42 of the vacancy, may participate in any action taken by the
43 Board pursuant to this section. The appointee must have the
44 same qualifications as are required of the elective official.



2. No such appointment extends beyond the first Monday in January after the next municipal election, at which election the:

- (a) Office must be filled for the remaining unexpired term; or
 - (b) Successor to the previously vacated seat will be selected,
- ↳ as appropriate.

Sec. 23. Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Carlin, being chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 58, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 142, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.010 Board of Council Members: Qualifications; election; term of office; salary.

1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a Board of Council Members consisting of ~~four~~ **one** Council ~~Members~~ **Member for each ward** and a Mayor.

2. The Mayor ~~and Council Members~~ must be ~~[-] a:~~

(a) Bona fide ~~residents~~ **resident** of the City for at least 2 years prior to ~~their~~ **his or her** election.

(b) Qualified ~~electors~~ **elector** within the City.

3. ~~All~~ **Each** Council ~~Members, including the~~ **Member must be:**

(a) A bona fide resident of the City for at least 2 years prior to his or her election.

(b) A qualified elector within the City.

(c) A resident of the ward which he or she represents, except that changes to the boundaries of a ward pursuant to section 1.035 do not affect the right of any elected Council Member to continue in office for the term for which he or she was elected.

4. The Mayor ~~[-]~~ must be voted upon by the registered voters of the City at large. ~~and,~~

5. Each Council Member must be voted upon only by the registered voters in the ward which he or she seeks to represent.

6. All Council Members, including the Mayor, except as otherwise provided in section 5.010, shall serve for terms of 4 years.

~~4.~~ **7.** The Mayor and Council Members first holding office under this Charter shall each receive a monthly salary of \$35 during the terms for which they were elected, selected or appointed. Thereafter, subject to the provisions of subsection 5 of section 2.090, the Mayor and Council



1 Members shall receive a salary in an amount fixed by the
2 Board of Council Members.

3 **Sec. 24.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Carlin,
4 being chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter
5 58, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 142, is hereby amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Sec. 5.010 General municipal elections.

8 1. ~~[On the Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2007,~~
9 ~~there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a~~
10 ~~general election to be held for that purpose, two Council~~
11 ~~Members, both of whom hold office until their successors~~
12 ~~have been elected and qualified pursuant to subsection 3.~~

13 ~~—2.— On the Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2007,~~
14 ~~there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a~~
15 ~~general election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and two~~
16 ~~Council Members, all of whom hold office until their~~
17 ~~successors have been elected and qualified pursuant to~~
18 ~~subsection 4.~~

19 ~~—3.— On~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, on*
20 the Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2008, and at
21 each successive interval of 4 years thereafter, there must be
22 elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general
23 election to be held for that purpose, two Council Members,
24 both of whom hold office for a period of 4 years and until
25 their successors have been elected and qualified.

26 ~~[4.— On]~~

27 2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, on* the
28 Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2010, and at
29 each successive interval of 4 years thereafter, there must be
30 elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general
31 election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and two Council
32 Members, all of whom hold office for a period of 4 years and
33 until their successors have been elected and qualified.

34 3. *If the Board of Council Members is required to*
35 *increase the number of wards pursuant to section 1.035, the*
36 *office of Council Member to represent a new ward must be*
37 *filled initially at the general election immediately following:*

38 (a) *The date on which the Board of Council Members*
39 *determined that an increase in the number of wards was*
40 *necessary; or*

41 (b) *The general election at which the question proposing*
42 *the increase in wards is approved by the voters,*

43 *↪ as applicable. Any Council Member elected pursuant to*
44 *this subsection holds office for a period of 4 years and until*
45 *his or her successor is elected and qualified.*



1 **Sec. 25.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Carlin,
2 being chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 615, is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 5.020 Applicability of state election laws; elections
5 under Board of Council Members' control; voting precincts.

6 1. All elections held under this Charter shall be governed
7 by the provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as
8 such laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent
9 herewith.

10 2. The conduct of all municipal elections shall be under
11 the control of the Board of Council Members. For the conduct
12 of municipal elections, for the prevention of fraud in such
13 elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or
14 fraud, the Board of Council Members shall adopt by
15 ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and
16 consistent with law and this Charter.

17 ~~[3.—There shall be but one voting precinct in the City. All~~
18 ~~elective officers shall be elected by the voters of the City at~~
19 ~~large.]~~

20 **Sec. 26.** Section 1.060 of the Charter of Carson City, being
21 chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as last amended by chapter
22 313, Statutes of Nevada 1983, at page 756, is hereby amended to
23 read as follows:

24 Sec. 1.060 Wards: Creation; boundaries.

25 1. Carson City must be divided into four *or more* wards,
26 which must ~~{be as}~~:

27 (a) *Result in an odd number of voting members of the*
28 *Board of Supervisors, including the Mayor.*

29 (b) *Be* nearly equal in population as can be conveniently
30 provided, and the territory comprising each ward must be
31 contiguous.

32 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, each*
33 *have a population that is less than the average population of*
34 *assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
35 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If*
36 *Carson City would need more than eight wards in order to*
37 *ensure that the population of every ward is less than the*
38 *average population of assembly districts in the State as*
39 *determined at the time of the most recent apportionment of*
40 *assembly districts, Carson City must be divided into eight*
41 *wards and the population of each ward must, as nearly as*
42 *practicable, be of equal population and contiguous unless*
43 *the voters of Carson City approve having more than eight*
44 *wards.*



1 2. The boundaries of wards must be established and
2 realigned, if necessary, by ordinance, passed by a vote of at
3 least three-fifths of the Board of Supervisors.

4 3. ~~[(The Board shall realign any such)]~~ *Except as*
5 *otherwise provided in NRS 293.209, the* boundaries ~~[on or~~
6 ~~before January 1 preceding the next general election at which~~
7 ~~Supervisors are to be elected,]~~ *of the wards must be*
8 *realigned* if reliable evidence indicates that the population in
9 any ward exceeds the population in any other ward by more
10 than 5 percent. In any case, the Board shall reconsider the
11 boundaries of the wards upon the receipt of the necessary
12 information from the preceding national decennial census
13 conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United States
14 Department of Commerce ~~[.]~~ *and after every apportionment*
15 *of assembly districts.*

16 4. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 and*
17 *NRS 293.209, the Board of Supervisors must increase the*
18 *number of wards in which Carson City is divided if, at the*
19 *time the boundaries of wards are changed pursuant to*
20 *subsection 2, it is not possible for the population of the*
21 *existing number of wards to be less than the average*
22 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
23 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
24 *districts.*

25 5. *If the Board of Supervisors is required to increase*
26 *the number of wards pursuant to subsection 4:*

27 (a) *The number of wards must result in an odd number*
28 *of voting members of the Board of Supervisors, including*
29 *the Mayor.*

30 (b) *The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal*
31 *population and in compact form.*

32 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
33 *population of each ward must be less than the average*
34 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
35 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
36 *districts. If the Board of Supervisors would have to create*
37 *more than eight wards in order to ensure that the*
38 *population of each ward is less than the average population*
39 *of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
40 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts, the*
41 *Board of Supervisors must submit a question to the*
42 *registered voters seeking approval to create more than eight*
43 *wards at the next general city election. If such question is*
44 *approved by the registered voters, the Board of Supervisors*
45 *must create the number of wards so approved by the voters*



1 *and the population of each ward must be less than the*
2 *average population of assembly districts in the State as*
3 *determined at the time of the most recent apportionment of*
4 *assembly districts. If such question is not approved by the*
5 *voters, the Board of Supervisors must not increase the*
6 *number of wards pursuant to subsection 3 and the existing*
7 *wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal population*
8 *and in compact form.*

9 *(d) The office of Supervisor to represent a new ward*
10 *must be filled initially as set forth in section 5.020. Such an*
11 *office must not be filled initially by appointment.*

12 **Sec. 27.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of Carson City, being
13 chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as last amended by chapter
14 118, Statutes of Nevada 1985, at page 474, is hereby amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Sec. 2.010 Board of Supervisors: Qualifications;
17 election; term of office.

18 1. The legislative power of Carson City is vested in a
19 Board of Supervisors consisting of ~~five Supervisors,~~
20 ~~including the~~ *one Supervisor from each ward and a Mayor.*

21 2. The Mayor must be:

22 (a) An actual and bona fide resident of Carson City for at
23 least 6 months immediately preceding his or her election.

24 (b) A qualified elector within Carson City.

25 3. Each Supervisor must be:

26 (a) An actual and bona fide resident of Carson City for at
27 least 6 months immediately preceding his or her election.

28 (b) A qualified elector within the ward which he or she
29 represents.

30 (c) A resident of the ward which he or she represents,
31 except that changes effected in the boundaries of a ward
32 pursuant to the provisions of section 1.060 do not affect the
33 right of any elected Supervisor to continue in office for the
34 term for which he or she was elected.

35 4. ~~All Supervisors, including the~~ *The Mayor* ~~[.]~~ must
36 be voted upon by the registered voters of Carson City at large
37 and shall serve for ~~terms~~ *a term* of 4 years.

38 5. *All Supervisors must be voted upon only by the*
39 *registered voters who reside in the ward which he or she*
40 *seeks to represent and shall serve for terms of 4 years.*



1 **Sec. 28.** Section 2.030 of the Charter of Carson City, being
2 chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as last amended by chapter
3 515, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 2449, is hereby amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 2.030 Board of Supervisors: Vacancies. Except
6 as otherwise provided in NRS 268.325 ~~§~~ **and section 1.060:**

7 1. A vacancy in the office of Supervisor must be filled
8 by appointment by a majority of the members of the Board
9 within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy or after
10 three regular or special meetings, whichever is the shorter
11 period of time. A person may be selected to fill a prospective
12 vacancy in the Board before the vacancy occurs. In such a
13 case, each member of the Board, except any member whose
14 term of office expires before the occurrence of the vacancy,
15 may participate in any action taken by the Board pursuant to
16 this section. The appointee must have the qualifications
17 required by section 2.010.

18 2. No such appointment extends beyond the first
19 Monday in January after the next general election, at which
20 election a new Supervisor must be elected to fill the
21 unexpired term.

22 **Sec. 29.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of Carson City, being
23 chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as last amended by chapter
24 295, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 1481, is hereby amended to
25 read as follows:

26 Sec. 5.010 Primary election.

27 1. A primary election must be held on the date fixed by
28 the election laws of this state for statewide elections, at which
29 time there must be nominated candidates for offices to be
30 voted for at the next general election.

31 2. A candidate for any office to be voted for at any
32 primary election must file a declaration of candidacy as
33 provided by the election laws of this state.

34 3. All candidates for the office of Mayor , ~~and~~
35 ~~Supervisor,~~ and candidates for the office of Municipal Judge
36 if a third department of the Municipal Court has been
37 established, must be voted upon by the registered voters of
38 Carson City at large.

39 4. *All candidates for Supervisor must be voted upon*
40 *only by the registered voters of the ward which he or she*
41 *seeks to represent.*



1 5. If only two persons file for a particular office, their
2 names must not appear on the primary ballot but their names
3 must be placed on the ballot for the general election.

4 ~~[5.]~~ 6. If in the primary election one candidate receives
5 a majority of votes cast in that election for the office for
6 which he or she is a candidate, the candidate must be declared
7 elected to the office and his or her name must not be placed
8 on the ballot for the general election. If in the primary
9 election no candidate receives a majority of votes cast in that
10 election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, the
11 names of the two candidates receiving the highest numbers of
12 votes must be placed on the ballot for the general election.

13 **Sec. 30.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of Carson City, being
14 chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as last amended by chapter
15 96, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 183, is hereby amended to read
16 as follows:

17 Sec. 5.020 General election.

18 1. A general election must be held in Carson City on the
19 first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1970, and
20 on the same day every 2 years thereafter, at which time there
21 must be elected such officers, the offices of which are
22 required next to be filled by election.

23 2. All candidates for the office of Mayor ~~[and~~
24 ~~Supervisor.]~~ and all candidates for the office of Municipal
25 Judge if a third department of the Municipal Court has been
26 established, must be voted upon by the registered voters of
27 Carson City at large.

28 3. *All candidates for Supervisor must be voted upon*
29 *only by the registered voters who reside in the ward which*
30 *he or she seeks to represent.*

31 4. *If the Board of Supervisors is required to increase*
32 *the number of wards pursuant to section 1.060, the office of*
33 *Supervisor to represent a new ward must be filled initially at*
34 *the general election immediately following:*

35 (a) *The date on which the Board of Supervisors*
36 *determined that an increase in the number of wards was*
37 *necessary; or*

38 (b) *The general election at which the question proposing*
39 *the increase in wards is approved by the voters,*

40 ↪ *as applicable. Any Supervisor elected pursuant to this*
41 *subsection holds office for a period of 4 years and until his*
42 *or her successor is elected and qualified.*



1 **Sec. 31.** The Charter of the City of Elko, being chapter 276,
2 Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 474, is hereby amended by adding
3 thereto a new section to be designated as section 1.035, immediately
4 following section 1.030, to read as follows:

5 *Sec. 1.035 Wards; Creation; boundaries.*

6 1. *The City must by ordinance be divided into wards*
7 *which must:*

8 (a) *Result in an odd number of voting members of the*
9 *City Council, including the Mayor.*

10 (b) *As nearly as practicable, be of equal population and*
11 *contiguous.*

12 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, each*
13 *have a population that is less than the average population of*
14 *assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
15 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the*
16 *City would need more than eight wards in order to ensure*
17 *that the population of every ward is less than the average*
18 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
19 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
20 *districts, the city must be divided into eight wards and the*
21 *population of each ward must, as nearly as practicable, be*
22 *of equal population and contiguous unless the voters of the*
23 *City approve having more than eight wards.*

24 2. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.209, the*
25 *boundaries of the wards:*

26 (a) *Must be changed:*

27 (1) *Whenever the population in any ward exceeds the*
28 *population in any other ward by more than 5 percent, as*
29 *determined by the last preceding national decennial census*
30 *conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United States*
31 *Department of Commerce; or*

32 (2) *Whenever the population of any ward is more*
33 *than the average population of assembly districts in the*
34 *State, as determined after every apportionment of assembly*
35 *districts.*

36 (b) *May be changed to include territory which has been*
37 *annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds*
38 *the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent by*
39 *any measure that is found to be reliable by the City Council.*

40 3. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and*
41 *NRS 293.209, the City Council must increase the number of*
42 *wards in which the City is divided if, at the time the*
43 *boundaries of wards are changed pursuant to subsection 2,*
44 *it is not possible for the population of the existing number*
45 *of wards to be less than the average population of assembly*



1 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
2 *recent apportionment of assembly districts.*

3 *4. If the City Council is required to increase the*
4 *number of wards pursuant to subsection 3:*

5 *(a) The number of wards must result in an odd number*
6 *of voting members of the City Council, including the Mayor.*

7 *(b) The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal*
8 *population and in compact form.*

9 *(c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
10 *population of each ward must be less than the average*
11 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
12 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
13 *districts. If the City Council would have to create more than*
14 *eight wards in order to ensure that the population of each*
15 *ward is less than the average population of assembly*
16 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
17 *recent apportionment of assembly districts, the City Council*
18 *must submit a question to the registered voters seeking*
19 *approval to create more than eight wards at the next general*
20 *city election. If such question is approved by the registered*
21 *voters, the City Council must create the number of wards so*
22 *approved by the voters and the population of each ward*
23 *must be less than the average population of assembly*
24 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
25 *recent apportionment of assembly districts. If such question*
26 *is not approved by the voters, the City Council must not*
27 *increase the number of wards pursuant to subsection 3 and*
28 *the existing wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of*
29 *equal population and in compact form.*

30 *(d) The office of Council member to represent a new*
31 *ward must be filled initially as set forth in section 5.010.*
32 *Such an office must not be filled initially by appointment.*

33 **Sec. 32.** Section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Elko,
34 being chapter 276, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter
35 51, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 447, is hereby amended to read
36 as follows:

37 Sec. 1.050 Elective offices.

38 1. The elective officers of the City consist of:

39 (a) A Mayor.

40 (b) ~~Four members of the~~ **One** City Council ~~four~~ **member**
41 **from each ward.**

42 2. Such officers must be elected as provided by this
43 Charter.

44 **Sec. 33.** Section 1.060 of the Charter of the City of Elko,
45 being chapter 276, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by



1 chapter 231, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 1001, is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Sec. 1.060 Elective offices: Vacancies. Except as
4 otherwise provided in NRS 268.325 ~~[-]~~ **and section 1.035:**

5 1. A vacancy in the City Council must be filled by a
6 majority vote of the members of the City Council within 30
7 days after the occurrence of the vacancy. A person may be
8 selected to fill a prospective vacancy in the City Council
9 before the vacancy occurs. In such a case, each member of the
10 City Council, except any member whose term of office
11 expires before the occurrence of the vacancy, may participate
12 in any action taken by the City Council pursuant to this
13 section. The appointee must have the same qualifications as
14 are required of the elective official.

15 2. No such appointment extends beyond the first
16 Monday in ~~[-]~~

17 ~~—(a) If the appointee is filling a vacancy occurring in an~~
18 ~~office for which an election is held pursuant to subsection 2~~
19 ~~of section 5.010, July after the next municipal election, at~~
20 ~~which election the office must be filled.~~

21 ~~—(b) If the appointee is filling a vacancy occurring in an~~
22 ~~office for which an election is held pursuant to subsection 1, 3~~
23 ~~or 4 of section 5.010,] January after the next municipal~~
24 ~~election, at which election the office must be filled.~~

25 **Sec. 34.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Elko,
26 being chapter 276, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
27 chapter 231, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 1002, is hereby
28 amended to read as follows:

29 Sec. 2.010 City Council: Qualifications; election; term
30 of office; salary.

31 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City
32 Council consisting of ~~[four members]~~ **one City Council**
33 **member from each ward** and the Mayor.

34 2. The members of the City Council must be:

35 (a) Bona fide residents of the City for at least 2 years
36 before their election.

37 (b) Qualified electors within the City.

38 (c) **Residents of the ward which they seek to represent,**
39 **except that changes to the boundaries of a ward pursuant to**
40 **section 1.035 do not affect the right of any elected City**
41 **Council member to continue in office for the term for which**
42 **he or she was elected.**

43 3. All members of the City Council must be voted upon
44 by the registered voters of the ~~[City at large]~~ **ward which he**



1 *or she seeks to represent* and ~~[, except as otherwise provided~~
2 ~~in section 5.010,]~~ shall serve for terms of 4 years.

3 4. *The Mayor must be voted upon by the registered*
4 *voters of the City at large.*

5 5. The members of the City Council must receive a
6 salary in an amount fixed by the City Council.

7 **Sec. 35.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Elko,
8 being chapter 276, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
9 chapter 231, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 1002, is hereby
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Sec. 5.010 Municipal elections.

12 1. ~~[On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June~~
13 ~~2011, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the~~
14 ~~City, at a general election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor~~
15 ~~and two members of the City Council, all of whom hold~~
16 ~~office until their successors have been elected and qualified~~
17 ~~pursuant to subsection 4.~~

18 ~~—2.— On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June~~
19 ~~2009, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the~~
20 ~~City, at a general election to be held for that purpose, two~~
21 ~~members of the City Council, both of whom hold office until~~
22 ~~their successors have been elected and qualified pursuant to~~
23 ~~subsection 3.~~

24 ~~—3.]~~ On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
25 November 2012, and at each successive interval of 4 years
26 thereafter, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the
27 City, at a general election to be held for that purpose, two
28 members of the City Council, both of whom hold office for a
29 period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected
30 and qualified.

31 ~~[4.]~~ 2. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
32 November 2014, and at each successive interval of 4 years
33 thereafter, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the
34 City, at a general election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor
35 and two members of the City Council, all of whom hold
36 office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have
37 been elected and qualified.

38 3. *If the City Council is required to increase the*
39 *number of wards pursuant to section 1.035, the office of*
40 *Council member to represent a new ward must be filled*
41 *immediately at the general election immediately following:*

42 (a) *The date on which the City Council determined that*
43 *an increase in the number of wards was necessary; or*

44 (b) *The general election at which the question proposing*
45 *the increase in wards is approved by the voters,*



↪ *as applicable. Any Council member elected pursuant to this subsection holds office for a period of 4 years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.*

Sec. 36. Section 1.040 of the Charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1206, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1.040 Wards: Creation; boundaries.

1. The City must be divided into four *or more* wards, which must ~~{be-as}~~:

(a) *Result in an odd number of voting members of the City Council, including the Mayor.*

(b) *Be* nearly equal in population as can be conveniently provided, and the territory comprising each ward must be contiguous.

(c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, each have a population that is less than the average population of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the City would need more than eight wards in order to ensure that the population of every ward is less than the average population of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly districts, the City must be divided into eight wards and the population of each ward must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal population and contiguous unless the voters of the City approve having more than eight wards.*

2. The boundaries of wards must be established and changed by ordinance.

3. Except as provided in ~~{subsection 3,}~~ *NRS 293.209*, the boundaries of wards ~~{must}~~:

(a) *Must* be changed ~~{whenever}~~:

(1) *Whenever* the population ~~{, as determined by the City's demographer and as revised figures are provided by the Planning Department of the City,}~~ in any ward exceeds the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent ~~{~~

~~—3.— The boundaries of wards must not be changed, except to accommodate an annexation of territory to the City, during any year in which a general election is held,} as determined by the last preceding national decennial census conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce; or~~

(2) *Whenever* the population of any ward is more than the average population of assembly districts in the



1 *State, as determined after every apportionment of assembly*
2 *districts.*

3 *(b) May be changed to include territory which has been*
4 *annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds*
5 *the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent by*
6 *any measure that is found to be reliable by the City Council.*

7 *4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 and*
8 *NRS 293.209, the City Council must increase the number of*
9 *wards in which the City is divided if, at the time the*
10 *boundaries of wards are changed pursuant to subsection 2,*
11 *it is not possible for the population of the existing number*
12 *of wards to be less than the average population of assembly*
13 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
14 *recent apportionment of assembly districts.*

15 *5. If the City Council is required to increase the*
16 *number of wards pursuant to subsection 4:*

17 *(a) The number of wards must result in an odd number*
18 *of voting members of the City Council, including the Mayor.*

19 *(b) The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal*
20 *population and in compact form.*

21 *(c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
22 *population of each ward must be less than the average*
23 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
24 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
25 *districts. If the City Council would have to create more than*
26 *eight wards in order to ensure that the population of each*
27 *ward is less than the average population of assembly*
28 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
29 *recent apportionment of assembly districts, the City Council*
30 *must submit a question to the registered voters seeking*
31 *approval to create more than eight wards at the next general*
32 *city election. If such question is approved by the registered*
33 *voters, the City Council must create the number of wards so*
34 *approved by the voters and the population of each ward*
35 *must be less than the average population of assembly*
36 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
37 *recent apportionment of assembly districts. If such question*
38 *is not approved by the voters, the City Council must not*
39 *increase the number of wards pursuant to subsection 4 and*
40 *the existing wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of*
41 *equal population and in compact form.*

42 *(d) The office of Council Member to represent a new*
43 *ward must be filled initially as set forth in section 5.020.*
44 *Such an office must not be filled initially by appointment.*



1 **Sec. 37.** Section 1.060 of the Charter of the City of Henderson,
2 being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, amended by
3 chapter 231, Statutes of Nevada 1991, at page 511, is hereby
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 1.060 Elective offices.

6 1. The elective officers of the City consist of:

7 (a) A Mayor.

8 (b) ~~Four~~ **One** Council ~~Members.~~ **Member from each**
9 **ward.**

10 (c) Municipal Judges.

11 2. Such officers shall be elected as provided by this
12 Charter.

13 **Sec. 38.** Section 1.070 of the Charter of the City of Henderson,
14 being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
15 chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1206, is hereby
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 1.070 Elective offices: Vacancies.

18 1. ~~FA~~ **Except as otherwise provided in NRS 268.325**
19 **and section 1.040, a** vacancy in the City Council or in the
20 office of Mayor or Municipal Judge must be filled for the
21 remainder of the unexpired term by:

22 (a) A majority vote of the members of the City Council,
23 or the remaining members in the case of a vacancy in the City
24 Council, within 60 days after the occurrence of the vacancy
25 appointing a person who has the same qualifications as are
26 required of the elective official; or

27 (b) A special election called by resolution of the City
28 Council. The resolution must call for the special election to
29 be held not later than 90 days after the vacancy occurs. Every
30 candidate at the special election must have the same
31 qualifications as are required of the elective official.

32 2. If a special election is held pursuant to paragraph (b)
33 of subsection 1:

34 (a) The City Council shall meet to canvass the election
35 returns and declare the result pursuant to section 5.100; and

36 (b) The person elected to fill the remainder of an
37 unexpired term shall enter upon the discharge of his or her
38 respective duties at the first meeting of the City Council held
39 after the canvass of returns is made.

40 **Sec. 39.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Henderson,
41 being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
42 chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 955, is hereby
43 amended to read as follows:

44 Sec. 2.010 City Council: Qualifications; election; term
45 of office; salary.



1 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City
2 Council consisting of ~~four~~ **one** Council ~~Members~~ **Member**
3 **from each ward** and the Mayor.

4 2. The Mayor must be:

5 (a) A bona fide resident of the territory which is
6 established by the boundaries of the City for the 12 months
7 immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of
8 candidacy for the office.

9 (b) A qualified elector within the City.

10 3. Each Council Member must be:

11 (a) A bona fide resident of the territory which is
12 established by the boundaries of the City for the 12 months
13 immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of
14 candidacy for the office.

15 (b) A qualified elector within the ward which he or she
16 represents.

17 (c) A resident of the ward which he or she represents for
18 at least 30 days immediately preceding the last day for filing
19 a declaration of candidacy for the office, except that changes
20 in ward boundaries pursuant to the provisions of section
21 1.040 do not affect the right of any elected Council Member
22 to continue in office for the term for which he or she was
23 elected.

24 4. ~~[All Council Members, including the]~~ **The** Mayor ~~[,]~~
25 must be voted upon by the registered voters of the City at
26 large and, except as otherwise provided in section 5.020, shall
27 serve for ~~terms~~ **a term** of 4 years.

28 5. **All Council Members must be voted upon by the**
29 **registered voters who reside in their respective wards and,**
30 **except as otherwise provided in section 5.020, shall serve for**
31 **terms of 4 years.**

32 6. The Mayor and Council Members are entitled to
33 receive a salary in an amount fixed by the City Council. The
34 City Council shall not adopt an ordinance which increases or
35 decreases the salary of the Mayor or the Council Members
36 during the term for which they have been elected or
37 appointed.

38 **Sec. 40.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Henderson,
39 being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
40 chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1214, is hereby
41 amended to read as follows:

42 Sec. 5.010 Primary municipal election.

43 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 5.020, a
44 primary municipal election must be held on the Tuesday after
45 the first Monday in April of each odd-numbered year, at



1 which time there must be nominated candidates for offices to
2 be voted for at the next general municipal election.

3 2. A candidate for any office to be voted for at any
4 primary municipal election must file a declaration of
5 candidacy as provided by the election laws of this State.

6 3. All candidates for elective office , *except candidates*
7 *for Council Member*, must be voted upon by the registered
8 voters of the City at large.

9 4. *All candidates for Council Member must be voted*
10 *upon by the registered voters of their respective wards.*

11 5. If in the primary municipal election no candidate
12 receives a majority of votes cast in that election for the office
13 for which he or she is a candidate, the names of the two
14 candidates receiving the highest number of votes must be
15 placed on the ballot for the general municipal election. If in
16 the primary municipal election, regardless of the number of
17 candidates for an office, one candidate receives a majority of
18 votes cast in that election for the office for which he or she is
19 a candidate, he or she must be declared elected and no general
20 municipal election need be held for that office. Such
21 candidate shall enter upon his or her respective duties at the
22 second regular meeting of the City Council held in June of
23 the year of the general municipal election.

24 **Sec. 41.** Section 5.020 Charter of the City of Henderson, being
25 chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter
26 336, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 1890, is hereby amended to
27 read as follows:

28 Sec. 5.020 General municipal election.

29 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~2:~~ 3:

30 (a) A general municipal election must be held in the City
31 on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in June of each
32 odd-numbered year, at which time the registered voters of the
33 City shall elect city officers to fill the available elective
34 positions.

35 (b) All candidates for the office of Mayor ~~[, Council~~
36 ~~Member]~~ and Municipal Judge must be voted upon by the
37 registered voters of the City at large. The term of office for
38 ~~[members of the City Council and]~~ the Mayor is 4 years.
39 Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of section
40 4.015, the term of office for a Municipal Judge is 6 years.

41 (c) *All candidates for the office of Council Member*
42 *must be voted upon by the registered voters of their*
43 *respective wards. The term of office for members of the City*
44 *Council is 4 years.*



1 (d) On the second Tuesday after the first Monday in June
2 2019, and every 6 years thereafter, there must be elected by
3 the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal
4 election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for
5 Department 1 who will hold office until his or her successor
6 has been elected and qualified.

7 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) On the second Tuesday after the first Monday in
8 June 2021, and every 6 years thereafter, there must be elected
9 by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal
10 election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for
11 Department 2 who will hold office until his or her successor
12 has been elected and qualified.

13 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) On the second Tuesday after the first Monday in
14 June 2017, and every 6 years thereafter, there must be elected
15 by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal
16 election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for
17 Department 3 who will hold office until his or her successor
18 has been elected and qualified.

19 2. *If the City Council is required to increase the*
20 *number of wards pursuant to section 1.040, the office of*
21 *Council Member to represent a new ward must be filled*
22 *initially at the general municipal election immediately*
23 *following:*

24 (a) *The date on which the City Council determined that*
25 *an increase in the number of wards was necessary; or*

26 (b) *The general municipal election at which the question*
27 *proposing the increase in wards is approved by the voters,*
28 *↪ as applicable. Any Council Member elected pursuant to*
29 *this subsection holds office for a period of 4 years and until*
30 *his or her successor is elected and qualified.*

31 3. The City Council may by ordinance provide for a
32 primary municipal election and general municipal election on
33 the dates set forth for primary elections and general elections
34 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS.

35 ~~[(3-)]~~ 4. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant
36 to subsection ~~[(2-)]~~ 3, the dates set forth in NRS 293.12755, in
37 subsections 2 to 5, inclusive, of NRS 293.165 and in NRS
38 293.175, 293.177, 293.345 and 293.368 apply for the
39 purposes of conducting the primary municipal elections and
40 general municipal elections.

41 ~~[(4-)]~~ 5. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant
42 to subsection ~~[(2-)]~~ 3, the ordinance must not affect the term of
43 office of any elected official of the City serving in office on
44 the effective date of the ordinance. The next succeeding term



1 for that office may be shortened but may not be lengthened as
2 a result of the ordinance.

3 **Sec. 42.** Section 1.130 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas,
4 being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by
5 chapter 102, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 595, is hereby
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1.130 Wards: Creation; boundaries.

8 1. The City must be divided into six *or more* wards
9 ~~[upon the approval of the voters. Thereafter, the wards may~~
10 ~~be increased:~~

11 ~~—(a) By the City Council if it determines that an increase is~~
12 ~~necessary; or~~

13 ~~—(b) Upon approval of a question proposing an increase to~~
14 ~~a specific number of wards by a majority of the voters voting~~
15 ~~on the question. Such a question must be submitted to the~~
16 ~~voters on the ballot at a general election if the City Council~~
17 ~~votes for the submission of the question on its own motion or~~
18 ~~if a petition signed by a number of registered voters of the~~
19 ~~City equal to 15 percent or more of the number of voters who~~
20 ~~voted at the last preceding general election is submitted to the~~
21 ~~City Council requesting an increase to a specific number of~~
22 ~~wards.~~

23 ~~→ The wards] which must [be as] :~~

24 (a) *Result in an odd number of voting members of the*
25 *City Council, including the Mayor.*

26 (b) *Be* nearly equal in population as can conveniently be
27 provided, and the territory which comprises each ward must
28 be contiguous.

29 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, each*
30 *have a population that is less than the average population of*
31 *assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
32 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the*
33 *City would need more than eight wards in order to ensure*
34 *that the population of every ward is less than the average*
35 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
36 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
37 *districts, the City must be divided into eight wards and the*
38 *population of each ward must, as nearly as practicable, be*
39 *of equal population and contiguous unless the voters of the*
40 *City approve having more than eight wards.*

41 2. The boundaries of the wards must be established and
42 changed by ordinance. ~~[The]~~

43 3. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.209, the*
44 boundaries of the wards ~~[must] :~~

45 (a) *Must* be changed ~~[whenever] :~~



1 (1) *Whenever* the population ~~[, as determined by the~~
2 ~~last preceding national census of the Bureau of the Census of~~
3 ~~the United States Department of Commerce,]~~ in any ward
4 exceeds the population in any other ward by more than 5
5 percent ~~[. The boundaries of the wards may be changed to~~
6 ~~include territory which has been annexed and]~~ *as determined*
7 *by the last preceding national census of the Bureau of the*
8 *Census of the United States Department of Commerce.*

9 (2) *Whenever the population of any ward is more*
10 *than the average population of assembly districts in the*
11 *State, as determined after every apportionment of assembly*
12 *districts.*

13 (b) *May be changed* whenever the population in any ward
14 exceeds the population in any other ward by more than 5
15 percent by any measure which is found reliable by the City
16 Council.

17 ~~[3.]~~ 4. *If the City Council is required to increase the*
18 *number of wards pursuant to subsection 3:*

19 (a) *The number of wards must result in an odd number*
20 *of voting members of the City Council, including the Mayor.*

21 (b) *The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal*
22 *population and in compact form.*

23 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
24 *population of each ward must be less than the average*
25 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
26 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
27 *districts. If the City Council would have to create more than*
28 *eight wards in order to ensure that the population of each*
29 *ward is less than the average population of assembly*
30 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
31 *recent apportionment of assembly districts, the City Council*
32 *must submit a question to the registered voters seeking*
33 *approval to create more than eight wards at the next general*
34 *city election. If such question is approved by the registered*
35 *voters, the City Council must create the number of wards so*
36 *approved by the voters and the population of each ward*
37 *must be less than the average population of assembly*
38 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
39 *recent apportionment of assembly districts. If such question*
40 *is not approved by the voters, the City Council must not*
41 *increase the number of wards pursuant to subsection 3 and*
42 *the existing wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of*
43 *equal population and in compact form.*

44 (d) The office of ~~[an additional]~~ Council Member ~~[created~~
45 ~~as a result of an increase in the number of wards pursuant to~~



~~subsection 1~~ *to represent a new ward* must be filled initially at the general City election immediately following:

~~(a)~~ (1) The date on which the City Council determined that an increase in the number of wards was necessary ; ~~pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1;~~ or

~~(b)~~ (2) The general election at which the question proposing the increase in wards is approved by the voters , ~~pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1.~~

as applicable. Any Council Member elected pursuant to this subsection holds office for a period of 4 years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Such an office must not be filled initially by appointment.

Sec. 43. Section 1.160 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by chapter 336, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 1891, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1.160 Elective offices: Vacancies. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 268.325 ~~;~~ *and section 1.130:*

1. A vacancy in the office of Mayor, Council Member or Municipal Judge must be filled by the majority vote of the entire City Council within 30 days after the occurrence of that vacancy. A person may be selected to fill a prospective vacancy before the vacancy occurs. In such a case, each member of the Council, except any member whose term of office expires before the occurrence of the vacancy, may participate in any action taken by the Council pursuant to this section. The appointee must have the same qualifications as are required of the elective official, including, without limitation, any applicable residency requirement.

2. Except as otherwise provided in section 5.010, no appointment extends beyond the first regular meeting of the City Council that follows the next general municipal election, at that election the office must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, or beyond the first regular meeting of the City Council after the second Tuesday after the first Monday in the next succeeding June in an odd-numbered year, if no general municipal election is held in that year.

Sec. 44. Section 2.020 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, at page 1394, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.020 Mayor and Council Members: Qualifications; terms of office; salary.

1. The Mayor must be a qualified elector who has resided within the territory which is established by the boundaries of the City for a period of not less than 30 days



1 immediately before the last day for filing a declaration of
2 candidacy for that office and be elected by the registered
3 voters of the City at large.

4 2. Each Council Member must be a qualified elector
5 who has resided within the ward which he or she represents
6 for a period of not less than 30 days immediately before the
7 last day for filing a declaration of candidacy for his or her
8 office and be elected by the registered voters of that ward.

9 3. The Mayor or any Council Member automatically
10 forfeits the remainder of his or her term of office and that
11 office becomes vacant if he or she ceases to be a resident of
12 the City or of the ward which he or she represents, as the case
13 may be **H**, *except that changes effected in the boundaries*
14 *of a ward pursuant to section 1.130 do not affect the right of*
15 *any elected Council Member to continue in office for the*
16 *term for which he or she was elected.*

17 4. The respective salaries of the Mayor and Council
18 Members must be fixed by ordinance.

19 **Sec. 45.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas,
20 being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by
21 chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 959, is hereby
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Sec. 5.010 Primary municipal elections. Except as
24 otherwise provided in section **1.130 and** 5.020:

25 1. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in April 2001,
26 and at each successive interval of 4 years, a primary
27 municipal election must be held in the City at which time
28 candidates for half of the offices of Council Member and for
29 Municipal Judge, Department 2, must be nominated.

30 2. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in April 2003,
31 and at each successive interval of 4 years, a primary
32 municipal election must be held in the City at which time
33 candidates for Mayor, for the other half of the offices of
34 Council Member and for Municipal Judge, Department 1,
35 must be nominated.

36 3. The candidates for Council Member who are to be
37 nominated as provided in subsections 1 and 2 must be
38 nominated and voted for separately according to the
39 respective wards. The candidates from each even-numbered
40 ward must be nominated as provided in subsection 1, and the
41 candidates from each odd-numbered ward must be nominated
42 as provided in subsection 2.

43 4. If the City Council has established an additional
44 department or departments of the Municipal Court pursuant to
45 section 4.010 and, as a result, more than one office of



1 Municipal Judge is to be filled at any election, the candidates
2 for those offices must be nominated and voted upon
3 separately according to the respective departments.

4 5. Each candidate for the municipal offices which are
5 provided for in subsections 1, 2 and 4 must file a declaration
6 of candidacy with the City Clerk. All filing fees collected by
7 the City Clerk must be paid into the City Treasury.

8 6. If, in the primary municipal election, regardless of the
9 number of candidates for an office, one candidate receives a
10 majority of votes which are cast in that election for the office
11 for which he or she is a candidate, he or she must be declared
12 elected for the term which commences on the day of the first
13 regular meeting of the City Council next succeeding the
14 meeting at which the canvass of the returns is made, and no
15 general municipal election need be held for that office. If, in
16 the primary municipal election, no candidate receives a
17 majority of votes which are cast in that election for the office
18 for which he or she is a candidate, the names of the two
19 candidates who receive the highest number of votes must be
20 placed on the ballot for the general municipal election.

21 **Sec. 46.** The Charter of the City of Mesquite, being chapter
22 325, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 1865, is hereby amended by
23 adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 1.035,
24 immediately following section 1.030, to read as follows:

25 *Sec. 1.035 Wards: Creation; boundaries.*

26 *1. The City must by ordinance be divided into wards*
27 *which must:*

28 *(a) Result in an odd number of voting members of the*
29 *City Council.*

30 *(b) As nearly as practicable, be of equal population and*
31 *contiguous.*

32 *(c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, each*
33 *have a population that is less than the average population of*
34 *assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
35 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the*
36 *City would need more than nine wards in order to ensure*
37 *that the population of every ward is less than the average*
38 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
39 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
40 *districts, the City must be divided into nine wards and the*
41 *population of each ward must, as nearly as practicable, be*
42 *of equal population and contiguous unless the voters of the*
43 *City approve having more than nine wards.*

44 *2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.209, the*
45 *boundaries of the wards:*



1 (a) *Must be changed:*

2 (1) *Whenever the population in any ward exceeds the*
3 *population in any other ward by more than 5 percent, as*
4 *determined by the last preceding national decennial census*
5 *conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United States*
6 *Department of Commerce; or*

7 (2) *Whenever the population of any ward is more*
8 *than the average population of assembly districts in the*
9 *State, as determined after every apportionment of assembly*
10 *districts.*

11 (b) *May be changed to include territory which has been*
12 *annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds*
13 *the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent by*
14 *any measure that is found to be reliable by the City Council.*

15 3. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and*
16 *NRS 293.209, the City Council must increase the number of*
17 *wards in which the City is divided if, at the time the*
18 *boundaries of wards are changed pursuant to subsection 2,*
19 *it is not possible for the population of the existing number*
20 *of wards to be less than the average population of assembly*
21 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
22 *recent apportionment of assembly districts.*

23 4. *If the City Council is required to increase the*
24 *number of wards pursuant to subsection 3:*

25 (a) *The number of wards must result in an odd number*
26 *of voting members of the City Council.*

27 (b) *The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal*
28 *population and in compact form.*

29 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
30 *population of each ward must be less than the average*
31 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
32 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
33 *districts. If the City Council would have to create more than*
34 *nine wards in order to ensure that the population of each*
35 *ward is less than the average population of assembly*
36 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
37 *recent apportionment of assembly districts, the City Council*
38 *must submit a question to the registered voters seeking*
39 *approval to create more than nine wards at the next general*
40 *city election. If such question is approved by the registered*
41 *voters, the City Council must create the number of wards so*
42 *approved by the voters and the population of each ward*
43 *must be less than the average population of assembly*
44 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
45 *recent apportionment of assembly districts. If such question*



1 *is not approved by the voters, the City Council must not*
2 *increase the number of wards pursuant to subsection 3 and*
3 *the existing wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of*
4 *equal population and in compact form.*

5 *(d) The office of a Council Member to represent a new*
6 *ward must be filled initially at the general city election*
7 *immediately following:*

8 *(1) The date on which the City Council determined*
9 *that an increase in the number of wards was necessary; or*

10 *(2) The general city election at which the question*
11 *proposing the increase in wards is approved by the voters,*

12 *↳ as applicable. Any Council Member elected pursuant to*
13 *this subsection holds office for a period of 4 years and until*
14 *his or her successor is elected and qualified. Such an office*
15 *must not be filled initially by appointment.*

16 **Sec. 47.** Section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Mesquite,
17 being chapter 325, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 1866, is hereby
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Sec. 1.050 Elective offices. The elective officers of
20 the City consist of:

21 1. A Mayor;

22 2. ~~Five~~ *One* Council ~~members;~~ *member from each*
23 *ward;* and

24 3. Such other officers as provided by this Charter.

25 **Sec. 48.** Section 1.060 of the Charter of the City of Mesquite,
26 being chapter 325, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 1866, is hereby
27 amended to read as follows:

28 Sec. 1.060 Elective offices: Vacancies.

29 1. ~~A~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 268.325,*
30 *and section 1.035, a* vacancy in the City Council or in the
31 office of Mayor must be filled for the remainder of the
32 unexpired term by a majority vote of the members of the City
33 Council, or the remaining members in the case of a vacancy
34 in the City Council, within 45 days after the occurrence of the
35 vacancy.

36 2. A person appointed to fill a vacancy:

37 (a) Must have the same qualifications as are required of
38 the elective official; and

39 (b) Shall enter upon the discharge of his or her respective
40 duties at the first meeting of the City Council held after the
41 vote to fill the vacancy.



1 **Sec. 49.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Mesquite,
2 being chapter 325, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 1869, is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 2.010 City Council: Qualifications; election; term
5 of office; salary.

6 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City
7 Council consisting of ~~[five]~~ *one* Council ~~[members.]~~ *member*
8 *from each ward.*

9 2. ~~[Each Council member must be elected at large and~~
10 ~~without respect to the location of his or her residence, as long~~
11 ~~as the residence is within the city limits of the City of~~
12 ~~Mesquite.~~

13 ~~—3.]~~ Each Council member must be:

14 (a) A bona fide resident of the territory which is
15 established by the boundaries of the City for the 12 months
16 immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of
17 candidacy for the office.

18 (b) A qualified elector within the ~~[City.]~~ *ward which he*
19 *or she represents.*

20 (c) *A resident of the ward which he or she represents,*
21 *except that changes effected in the boundaries of a ward*
22 *pursuant to section 1.035 do not affect the right of any*
23 *elected Council member to continue in office for the term*
24 *for which he or she was elected.*

25 ~~[4.]~~ 3. All Council members must be voted upon by the
26 registered voters of the ~~[City at large]~~ *ward which he or she*
27 *represents* and shall serve for terms of 4 years.

28 ~~[5.]~~ 4. The Council members are entitled to receive a
29 salary in an amount fixed by the City Council. The City
30 Council shall not adopt an ordinance which increases or
31 decreases the salary of the Council members and becomes
32 effective during the term for which they have been elected or
33 appointed.

34 **Sec. 50.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Mesquite,
35 being chapter 325, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 1885, is hereby
36 amended to read as follows:

37 Sec. 5.010 Election for City Council.

38 1. Candidates for City Council must be elected ~~[at large~~
39 ~~and by seat. Each Council seat must be consecutively~~
40 ~~numbered 1 through 5. The number of each Council seat is~~
41 ~~for informational purposes only and the sequencing of such~~
42 ~~seats does not grant or denote any special authority or ability.~~

43 ~~—2. Upon passage and approval of this Charter, the~~
44 ~~incumbent Council members shall draw a number by lot to~~
45 ~~determine the number assigned to each Council seat. The~~



~~number assigned to each Council seat will remain until such time as this Charter is amended to provide otherwise.~~

~~3. The term of office for each Council seat must be consistent with the term of office of the incumbent Council member assigned to that seat.~~

~~4. After each Council seat has been assigned a number, any candidate for City Council shall file by seat number.~~

~~5.] by the registered voters of their respective wards.~~

2. If:

(a) Not more than two candidates file for a seat, the names of the candidates must not be listed on the ballot for the primary municipal election and the candidates must advance directly to the general municipal election.

(b) Three or more candidates file for a seat, the names of the candidates must be listed on the ballot for the primary municipal election.

Sec. 51. Section 1.045 of the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as added by chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 1413, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1.045 Wards: Creation; Boundaries.

1. The City must be divided into four *or more* wards which must ~~[be as]~~:

(a) *Result in an odd number of voting members on the City Council, including the Mayor.*

(b) *As nearly as practicable, be of equal [in] population [as practicable, and each of which must be composed entirely of] and contiguous. [territory.]*

(c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, each have a population that is less than the average population of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the City would need more than eight wards in order to ensure that the population of every ward is less than the average population of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly districts, the City must be divided into eight wards and the population of each ward must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal population and contiguous unless the voters of the City approve having more than eight wards.*

2. The boundaries of the wards must be established and changed by ordinance.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 ~~[,]~~ and NRS 293.209, the boundaries of the wards : ~~[must:]~~



(a) Must be changed : ~~[whenever:]~~

(1) Whenever the population, as determined by the last preceding national census of the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce, in any ward exceeds the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent ~~[~~

~~3. The boundaries of the wards must not be changed, except to accommodate an annexation of territory to the City, during the period beginning 30 days immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy for a municipal election and ending on the date of the election.] ;~~

~~or~~

(2) Whenever the population of any ward is more than the average population of assembly districts in the State, as determined after every apportionment of assembly districts.

(b) May be changed to include territory which has been annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent by any measure that is found to be reliable by the City Council.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 and NRS 293.209, the City Council must increase the number of wards in which the City is divided if, at the time the boundaries of wards are changed pursuant to subsection 2, it is not possible for the population of the existing number of wards to be less than the average population of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly districts.

5. If the City Council is required to increase the number of wards pursuant to subsection 4:

(a) The number of wards must result in an odd number of voting members of the City Council, including the Mayor.

(b) The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal population and in compact form.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the population of each ward must be less than the average population of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the City Council would have to create more than eight wards in order to ensure that the population of each ward is less than the average population of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly districts, the City Council must submit a question to the registered voters seeking approval to create more than eight wards at the next general city election. If such question is approved by the registered



1 *voters, the City Council must create the number of wards so*
2 *approved by the voters and the population of each ward*
3 *must be less than the average population of assembly*
4 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
5 *recent apportionment of assembly districts. If such question*
6 *is not approved by the voters, the City Council must not*
7 *increase the number of wards pursuant to subsection 3 and*
8 *the existing wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of*
9 *equal population and in compact form.*

10 *(d) The office of Council Member to represent a new*
11 *ward must be filled initially as set forth in section 5.010.*
12 *Such an office must not be filled initially by appointment.*

13 **Sec. 52.** Section 1.060 of the Charter of the City of North Las
14 Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended
15 by chapter 515, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 2451, is hereby
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 1.060 Elective offices: Vacancies. Except as
18 otherwise provided in NRS 268.325 ~~[-]~~ *and section 1.045:*

19 1. A vacancy in the City Council or in the office of
20 Mayor or Municipal Judge must be filled by a majority vote
21 of the members of the City Council within 30 days after the
22 occurrence of the vacancy. A person may be selected to fill a
23 prospective vacancy in the City Council before the vacancy
24 occurs. In such a case, each member of the Council, except
25 any member whose term of office expires before the
26 occurrence of the vacancy, may participate in any action
27 taken by the Council pursuant to this section. The appointee
28 must have the same qualifications as are required of the
29 elective official.

30 2. No such appointment extends beyond the first day of
31 July after the next municipal election, at which election the
32 office must be filled for the remaining unexpired term.

33 **Sec. 53.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of North Las
34 Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended
35 by chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 961, is hereby
36 amended to read as follows:

37 Sec. 2.010 City Council: Qualifications; election; term
38 of office; salary.

39 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City
40 Council consisting of ~~four~~ *one* Council ~~Members~~ *Member*
41 *from each ward* and a Mayor.

42 2. The Mayor must be:

43 (a) A bona fide resident of the City for at least 6 months
44 immediately preceding his or her election.

45 (b) A qualified elector within the City.



1 3. Each Council Member:

2 (a) Must be a qualified elector who has resided in the
3 ward which he or she represents for at least 30 days
4 immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of
5 candidacy for his or her office.

6 (b) Must continue to live in the ward he or she represents,
7 except that changes in ward boundaries made pursuant to
8 section 1.045 will not affect the right of any elected Council
9 Member to continue in office for the term for which he or she
10 was elected.

11 4. At the time of filing, if so required by an ordinance
12 duly enacted, candidates for the office of Mayor and Council
13 Member shall produce evidence in satisfaction of any or all of
14 the qualifications provided in subsection 2 or 3, whichever is
15 applicable.

16 5. Each Council Member must be voted upon only by
17 the registered voters of the ward that he or she seeks to
18 represent, and except as otherwise provided in sections 5.010
19 and 5.025, his or her term of office is 4 years.

20 6. The Mayor must be voted upon by the registered
21 voters of the City at large, and except as otherwise provided
22 in sections 5.010 and 5.025, his or her term of office is 4
23 years.

24 7. The Mayor and Council Members are entitled to
25 receive a salary in an amount fixed by the City Council.

26 **Sec. 54.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of North Las
27 Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended
28 by chapter 336, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 1892, is hereby
29 amended to read as follows:

30 Sec. 5.010 General municipal elections.

31 1. Except as otherwise provided in *subsection 2 and*
32 *section 5.025:*

33 (a) On the second Tuesday after the first Monday in June
34 2017, and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter,
35 there must be elected, at a general municipal election to be
36 held for that purpose, a Mayor and two Council Members,
37 who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their
38 successors have been elected and qualified.

39 (b) On the second Tuesday after the first Monday in June
40 2019, and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter,
41 there must be elected, at a general municipal election to be
42 held for that purpose, two Council Members, who shall hold
43 office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have
44 been elected and qualified.



1 2. *If the City Council is required to increase the*
2 *number of wards pursuant to section 1.045, the office of*
3 *Council Member to represent a new ward must be filled*
4 *initially at the general municipal election immediately*
5 *following:*

6 (a) *The date on which the City Council determined that*
7 *an increase in the number of wards was necessary; or*

8 (b) *The general municipal election at which the question*
9 *proposing the increase in wards is approved by the voters,*
10 *↪ as applicable. Any Council Member elected pursuant to*
11 *this subsection holds office for a period of 4 years and until*
12 *his or her successor is elected and qualified.*

13 3. In a general municipal election:

14 (a) A candidate for the office of City Council Member
15 must be elected only by the registered voters of the ward that
16 he or she seeks to represent.

17 (b) Candidates for all other elective offices must be
18 elected by the registered voters of the City at large.

19 **Sec. 55.** Section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
20 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
21 chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 4197, effective
22 January 1, 2024, is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 Sec. 1.050 Wards: Creation; boundaries. [Effective
24 January 1, 2024.]

25 1. The City must be divided into six *or more* wards,
26 which must ~~[be as]~~:

27 (a) *Result in an odd number of voting members of the*
28 *City Council, including the Mayor.*

29 (b) *Be* nearly equal in population as can be conveniently
30 provided ~~[. The]~~ *and the* territory comprising each ward must
31 be contiguous, except that if any territory of the City which is
32 not contiguous to the remainder of the City does not contain
33 sufficient population to constitute a separate ward, it may be
34 placed in any ward of the City.

35 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, each*
36 *have a population that is less than the average population of*
37 *assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
38 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the*
39 *City would need more than eight wards in order to ensure*
40 *that the population of every ward is less than the average*
41 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
42 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
43 *districts, the City must be divided into eight wards and the*
44 *population of each ward must, as nearly as practicable, be*



1 *of equal population and contiguous unless the voters of the*
2 *City approve having more than eight wards.*

3 2. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.209,*
4 *the* boundaries of the wards must be established and changed
5 by ordinance, passed by a vote of at least five-sevenths of the
6 City Council.

7 3. The boundaries of the wards:

8 (a) Must be changed ~~[whenever]~~ :

9 (1) *Whenever* the population, as determined by the last
10 preceding national census of the Bureau of the Census of the
11 United States Department of Commerce, in any ward exceeds
12 the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent ~~[]~~ ;
13 *or*

14 (2) *Whenever the population of any ward is more*
15 *than the average population of assembly districts in the*
16 *State as determined after every apportionment of assembly*
17 *districts.*

18 (b) May be changed to include territory that has been
19 annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds the
20 population in another ward by more than 5 percent by any
21 measure that is found to be reliable by the City Council.

22 4. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the*
23 *City Council must increase the number of wards in which*
24 *the City is divided if, at the time the boundaries of wards are*
25 *changed pursuant to subsection 2, it is not possible for the*
26 *population of the existing number of wards to be less than*
27 *the average population of assembly districts in the State as*
28 *determined at the time of the most recent apportionment of*
29 *assembly districts.*

30 5. *If the City Council is required to increase the*
31 *number of wards pursuant to subsection 4:*

32 (a) *The number of wards must result in an odd number*
33 *of voting members of the City Council, including the Mayor.*

34 (b) *The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal*
35 *population and in compact form.*

36 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
37 *population of each ward must be less than the average*
38 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
39 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
40 *districts. If the City Council would have to create more than*
41 *eight wards in order to ensure that the population of each*
42 *ward is less than the average population of assembly*
43 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
44 *recent apportionment of assembly districts, the City Council*
45 *must submit a question to the registered voters seeking*



1 *approval to create more than eight wards at the next general*
2 *city election. If such question is approved by the registered*
3 *voters, the City Council must create the number of wards so*
4 *approved by the voters and the population of each ward*
5 *must be less than the average population of assembly*
6 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
7 *recent apportionment of assembly districts. If such question*
8 *is not approved by the voters, the City Council must not*
9 *increase the number of wards pursuant to subsection 4 and*
10 *the existing wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of*
11 *equal population and in compact form.*

12 *(d) The office of Council Member to represent a new*
13 *ward must be filled initially as set forth in section 5.010.*
14 *Such an office must not be filled initially by appointment.*

15 **Sec. 56.** Section 1.060 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
16 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
17 chapter 373, Statutes of Nevada 1979, at page 644, is hereby
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Sec. 1.060 Elective offices.

20 1. The elective officers of the City consist of:

21 (a) A Mayor.

22 (b) ~~Six~~ **One** Council ~~Members~~ **Member from each**
23 **ward.**

24 (c) One Municipal Judge and as many additional judges
25 as the City Council deems necessary.

26 (d) A City Attorney.

27 2. Such officers shall be elected as provided by this
28 Charter.

29 **Sec. 57.** Section 1.070 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
30 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
31 chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 4198, is hereby
32 amended to read as follows:

33 Sec. 1.070 Elective offices: Vacancies. [Effective
34 through December 31, 2023.]

35 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section ~~§~~ **and**
36 **NRS 268.325, and section 1.050**, a vacancy in the City
37 Council or in the office of City Attorney or Municipal Judge
38 must be filled by a majority vote of the members of the City
39 Council within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy. A
40 person may be selected to fill a prospective vacancy in the
41 City Council before the vacancy occurs. In filling a
42 prospective vacancy, each member of the Council, except any
43 member whose term of office expires before the occurrence
44 of the vacancy, may participate in any action taken by the
45 Council pursuant to this section. The appointee must have the



1 same qualifications as are required of the elective official.
2 The appointee shall serve until the next general municipal
3 election and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

4 2. If a prospective vacancy or vacancy occurs in the
5 office of a City Council Member, in lieu of appointment, the
6 City Council may, by resolution, declare a special election to
7 fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. The
8 resolution declaring a special election must be adopted within
9 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy and must state the
10 date set by the City Council for the special election. In
11 the case of a prospective vacancy, the Council may adopt the
12 resolution before the vacancy occurs, but the special election
13 may not be held until after the vacancy occurs. The special
14 election must be conducted in accordance with the provisions
15 of the resolution declaring the special election and section
16 5.030 of this Charter. A person elected to fill a vacancy at a
17 special election must have the same qualifications as are
18 required of the elected official.

19 3. A candidate at a special election to fill a vacancy in
20 the office of a City Council Member who represents a ward
21 must be elected only by the registered voters of the ward that
22 the candidate seeks to represent.

23 **Sec. 58.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
24 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
25 chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 4198, effective
26 January 1, 2024, is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 Sec. 2.010 Mayor and City Council: Qualifications;
28 election; term of office; salary. [Effective January 1, 2024.]

29 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City
30 Council consisting of ~~[six]~~ *one* Council ~~[Members]~~ *Member*
31 *from each ward* and a Mayor.

32 2. The Mayor and Council Members must be qualified
33 electors within the City. Each Council Member elected from a
34 ward must continue to live in that ward for as long as he or
35 she represents the ward ~~[]~~, *except that changes effected in*
36 *the boundaries of a ward pursuant to section 1.050 do not*
37 *affect the right of any elected Council Member to continue*
38 *in office for the term for which he or she was elected.*

39 3. The Mayor represents the City at large and one
40 Council Member represents each ward. The Mayor and
41 Council Members serve for terms of 4 years.

42 4. The Mayor and Council Members are entitled to
43 receive a salary in an amount fixed by the City Council.

44 **Sec. 59.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
45 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by



1 chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 4200, 4201, effective
2 January 1, 2024, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 Sec. 5.010 General elections. [Effective January 1,
4 2024.]

5 1. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for
6 the statewide general election in November 2002, and at each
7 successive interval of 6 years, there must be elected at the
8 general election, a Municipal Judge, who holds office for a
9 term of 6 years and until his or her successor has been elected
10 and qualified.

11 2. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for
12 the statewide general election in November 2002, and at each
13 successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected at the
14 general election, a Mayor, Council Members from the second
15 and fourth wards, and a City Attorney, all of whom hold
16 office for a term of 4 years and until their successors have
17 been elected and qualified.

18 3. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for
19 the statewide general election in November 2004, and at each
20 successive interval of 6 years, there must be elected at the
21 general election, one or more Municipal Judges, other than
22 the Municipal Judge referred to in subsection 1, all of whom
23 hold office for a term of 6 years and until their successors
24 have been elected and qualified.

25 4. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for
26 the statewide general election in November 2004, and at each
27 successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected at the
28 general election, Council Members from the first, third and
29 fifth wards all of whom hold office for a term of 4 years and
30 until their successors have been elected and qualified.

31 5. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for
32 the statewide general election in November 2024, and at each
33 successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected at the
34 general election a Council Member from the sixth ward, who
35 holds office for a term of 4 years and until his or her
36 successor has been elected and qualified.

37 6. *If the City Council is required to increase the*
38 *number of wards pursuant to section 1.050, the office of*
39 *Council Member to represent a new ward must be filled*
40 *initially at the general election immediately following:*

41 (a) *The date on which the City Council determined that*
42 *an increase in the number of wards was necessary; or*

43 (b) *The general election at which the question proposing*
44 *the increase in wards is approved by the voters,*



1 ↪ *as applicable. Any Council Member elected pursuant to*
2 *this subsection holds office for a period of 4 years and until*
3 *his or her successor is elected and qualified.*

4 7. In the general election:

5 (a) A candidate for the office of Council Member must be
6 elected only by the registered voters of the ward that the
7 candidate seeks to represent.

8 (b) Candidates for the offices of Mayor, Municipal Judge
9 and City Attorney must be elected by the registered voters of
10 the city at large.

11 **Sec. 60.** Section 1.040 of the Charter of the City of Sparks,
12 being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as last amended by
13 chapter 107, Statutes of Nevada 2003, at page 602, is hereby
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Sec. 1.040 Wards: Creation; boundaries.

16 1. The City must be divided into five *or more* wards ~~[-~~
17 ~~each of]~~ which must :

18 (a) *Result in an odd number of voting members of the*
19 *City Council.*

20 (b) *As nearly as practicable, be ~~[as nearly]~~ of equal ~~[in]~~*
21 *population ~~[as can be conveniently provided, and the territory~~*
22 *~~comprising each ward must be]~~ and contiguous.*

23 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, each*
24 *have a population that is less than the average population of*
25 *assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
26 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the*
27 *City would need more than nine wards in order to ensure*
28 *that the population of every ward is less than the average*
29 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
30 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
31 *districts, the City must be divided into nine wards and the*
32 *population of each ward must, as nearly as practicable, be*
33 *of equal population and contiguous unless the voters of the*
34 *City approve having more than nine wards.*

35 2. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.209,*
36 *the* boundaries of the wards must be established and changed
37 by ordinance.

38 3. The boundaries of the wards:

39 (a) Must be changed ~~[whenever]~~ :

40 (1) *Whenever* the population in any ward, as
41 determined by the last preceding national census of the
42 Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of
43 Commerce, exceeds the population in any other ward by more
44 than 5 percent ~~[-]~~ ; *or*



1 (2) *Whenever the population of any ward is more*
2 *than the average population of assembly districts in the*
3 *State as determined after every apportionment of assembly*
4 *districts.*

5 (b) May be changed to include territory that has been
6 annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds the
7 population in another ward by more than 5 percent as
8 determined by any measure that is found to be reliable by the
9 City Council.

10 4. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the*
11 *City Council must increase the number of wards in which*
12 *the City is divided if, at the time the boundaries of wards are*
13 *changed pursuant to subsection 2, it is not possible for the*
14 *population of the existing number of wards to be less than*
15 *the average population of assembly districts in the State as*
16 *determined at the time of the most recent apportionment of*
17 *assembly districts.*

18 5. *If the City Council is required to increase the*
19 *number of wards pursuant to subsection 4:*

20 (a) *The number of wards must result in an odd number*
21 *of voting members of the City Council.*

22 (b) *The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal*
23 *population and in compact form.*

24 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
25 *population of each ward must be less than the average*
26 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
27 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
28 *districts. If the City Council would have to create more than*
29 *nine wards in order to ensure that the population of each*
30 *ward is less than the average population of assembly*
31 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
32 *recent apportionment of assembly districts, the City Council*
33 *must submit a question to the registered voters seeking*
34 *approval to create more than nine wards at the next general*
35 *city election. If such question is approved by the registered*
36 *voters, the City Council must create the number of wards so*
37 *approved by the voters and the population of each ward*
38 *must be less than the average population of assembly*
39 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
40 *recent apportionment of assembly districts. If such question*
41 *is not approved by the voters, the City Council must not*
42 *increase the number of wards pursuant to subsection 4 and*
43 *the existing wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of*
44 *equal population and in compact form.*



1 (d) *The office of Council Member to represent a new*
2 *ward must be filled initially as set forth in section 5.010.*
3 *Such an office must not be filled initially by appointment.*

4 **Sec. 61.** Section 1.060 of the Charter of the City of Sparks,
5 being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as last amended by
6 chapter 113, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 486, is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 1.060 Elective officers: Qualifications; salaries.

9 1. The elective officers of the City consist of:

10 (a) A Mayor.

11 (b) ~~[Five members of the]~~ *One* Council ~~[.]~~ *Member from*
12 *each ward.*

13 (c) A City Attorney.

14 (d) Municipal Judges, the number to be determined
15 pursuant to section 4.010.

16 2. All elective officers of the City must be:

17 (a) Bona fide residents of the City for at least 30 days
18 immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of
19 candidacy for such an office.

20 (b) Residents of the City during their term of office, and,
21 in the case of a member of the Council, a resident of the ward
22 the member represents.

23 (c) Registered voters within the City.

24 3. No person may be elected or appointed as a member
25 of the Council who was not an actual bona fide resident of the
26 ward to be represented by him or her for a period of at least
27 30 days immediately preceding the last day for filing a
28 declaration of candidacy for the office, or, in the case of
29 appointment, 30 days immediately preceding the day the
30 office became vacant ~~[.]~~, *except that changes effected in the*
31 *boundaries of a ward pursuant to section 1.040 do not affect*
32 *the right of any elected Council Member to continue in*
33 *office for the term for which he or she was elected.*

34 4. The City Attorney must be a licensed member of the
35 State Bar of Nevada.

36 5. Each Municipal Judge must be a licensed member of
37 the State Bar of Nevada, except that this requirement does not
38 apply to any Municipal Judge who holds the office of
39 Municipal Judge on October 1, 2017, as long as he or she
40 continues to serve as such in uninterrupted terms.

41 6. Each elective officer is entitled to receive a salary in
42 an amount fixed by the City Council. At any time before
43 January 1 of the year in which a general election is held, the
44 City Council shall enact an ordinance fixing the initial salary
45 for each elective office for the term beginning on the first



1 Monday following that election. This ordinance may not be
2 amended to increase or decrease the salary for the office of
3 Mayor, City Council Member or City Attorney during the
4 term. If the City Council fails to enact such an ordinance
5 before January 1 of the election year, the succeeding elective
6 officers are entitled to receive the same salaries as their
7 respective predecessors.

8 **Sec. 62.** Section 1.070 of the Charter of the City of Sparks,
9 being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as last amended by
10 chapter 32, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 132, is hereby
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Sec. 1.070 Elective offices; vacancies. Except as
13 otherwise provided in NRS 268.325 ~~§~~ *and section 1.040:*

14 1. A vacancy in the City Council or in the office of City
15 Attorney or Municipal Judge must be filled by appointment
16 of the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council,
17 within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy. A person
18 may be selected to fill a prospective vacancy in the City
19 Council before the vacancy occurs. In such a case, each
20 member of the Council, except any member whose term of
21 office expires before the occurrence of the vacancy, may
22 participate in any action taken by the Council pursuant to this
23 section. If the majority of the Council is unable or refuses for
24 any reason to confirm any appointment made by the Mayor
25 within 30 days after the vacancy occurs, the City Council
26 shall present to the Mayor the names of two qualified persons
27 to fill the vacancy. The Mayor shall, within 15 days after the
28 presentation, select one of the two qualified persons to fill the
29 vacancy. The appointee must have the same qualifications
30 required of the elected official.

31 2. A vacancy in the office of the Mayor must be filled by
32 the Mayor pro tempore. The resulting vacancy in the City
33 Council must be filled as provided in subsection 1.

34 3. The appointee or Mayor pro tempore, in the case of a
35 vacancy in the office of Mayor, shall serve until his or her
36 successor is elected and qualified at the next general election
37 to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

38 **Sec. 63.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Sparks,
39 being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, at page 728, is hereby
40 amended to read as follows:

41 Sec. 2.010 City Council. The legislative power of the
42 City is vested in a City Council consisting of ~~five~~ *one*
43 Council ~~Members.~~ *Member from each ward.*

44 **Sec. 64.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Sparks,
45 being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as last amended by



1 chapter 113, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 487, is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Sec. 5.010 General elections.

4 1. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November
5 2004, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be
6 elected, at the general election, Council Members to represent
7 the first, third and fifth wards and a City Attorney, all of
8 whom hold office for a term of 4 years and until their
9 successors have been elected and qualified.

10 2. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November
11 2006, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be
12 elected, at the general election, Council Members to represent
13 the second and fourth wards and a Mayor, all of whom hold
14 office for a term of 4 years and until their successors have
15 been elected and qualified.

16 3. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November
17 2006, and at each successive interval of 6 years, there must be
18 elected, at the general election, a Municipal Judge for
19 Department 2, who holds office for a term of 6 years and until
20 his or her successor has been elected and qualified.

21 4. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November
22 2008, and at each successive interval of 6 years, there must be
23 elected, at the general election, a Municipal Judge for
24 Department 1, who holds office for a term of 6 years and until
25 his or her successor has been elected and qualified.

26 5. *If the City Council is required to increase the*
27 *number of wards pursuant to section 1.040, the office of*
28 *Council Member to represent a new ward must be filled*
29 *initially at the general election immediately following:*

30 (a) *The date on which the City Council determined that*
31 *an increase in the number of wards was necessary; or*

32 (b) *The general election at which the question proposing*
33 *the increase in wards is approved by the voters,*

34 *↪ as applicable. Any Council Member elected pursuant to*
35 *this subsection holds office for a period of 4 years and until*
36 *his or her successor is elected and qualified.*

37 6. At the general election:

38 (a) Candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Attorney
39 and Municipal Judge must be voted upon by the registered
40 voters of the City at large.

41 (b) Candidates to represent a ward as a Council Member
42 must be voted upon only by the registered voters of the ward
43 that the candidate seeks to represent.

44 **Sec. 65.** The Charter of the City of Wells, being chapter 275,
45 Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 457, is hereby amended by adding



1 thereto a new section to be designated as section 1.035, immediately
2 following section 1.030, to read as follows:

3 ***Sec. 1.035 Wards: Creation; increase; boundaries.***

4 ***1. The City must by ordinance be divided into wards***
5 ***which must:***

6 ***(a) Result in an odd number of voting members of the***
7 ***Board of Council Members, including the Mayor.***

8 ***(b) As nearly as practicable, be of equal population and***
9 ***contiguous.***

10 ***(c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, each***
11 ***have a population that is less than the average population of***
12 ***assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of***
13 ***the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the***
14 ***City would need more than eight wards in order to ensure***
15 ***that the population of every ward is less than the average***
16 ***population of assembly districts in the State as determined***
17 ***at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly***
18 ***districts, the city must be divided into eight wards and the***
19 ***population of each ward must, as nearly as practicable, be***
20 ***of equal population and contiguous unless the voters of the***
21 ***City approve having more than eight wards.***

22 ***2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.209, the***
23 ***boundaries of the wards:***

24 ***(a) Must be changed:***

25 ***(1) Whenever the population in any ward exceeds the***
26 ***population in any other ward by more than 5 percent, as***
27 ***determined by the last preceding national decennial census***
28 ***conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United States***
29 ***Department of Commerce; or***

30 ***(2) Whenever the population of any ward is more***
31 ***than the average population of assembly districts in the***
32 ***State, as determined after every apportionment of assembly***
33 ***districts.***

34 ***(b) May be changed to include territory which has been***
35 ***annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds***
36 ***the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent by***
37 ***any measure that is found to be reliable by the Board of***
38 ***Council Members.***

39 ***3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and***
40 ***NRS 293.209, the Board of Council Members must increase***
41 ***the number of wards in which the City is divided if, at the***
42 ***time the boundaries of wards are changed pursuant to***
43 ***subsection 2, it is not possible for the population of the***
44 ***existing number of wards to be less than the average***
45 ***population of assembly districts in the State as determined***



1 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
2 *districts.*

3 *4. If the Board of Council Members is required to*
4 *increase the number of wards pursuant to subsection 3:*

5 *(a) The number of wards must result in an odd number*
6 *of voting members of the Board of Council Members,*
7 *including the Mayor.*

8 *(b) The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal*
9 *population and in compact form.*

10 *(c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
11 *population of each ward must be less than the average*
12 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
13 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
14 *districts. If the Board of Council Members would have to*
15 *create more than eight wards in order to ensure that the*
16 *population of each ward is less than the average population*
17 *of assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
18 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts, the city*
19 *council must submit a question to the registered voters*
20 *seeking approval to create more than eight wards at the next*
21 *general city election. If such question is approved by the*
22 *registered voters, the Board of Council Members must*
23 *create the number of wards so approved by the voters and*
24 *the population of each ward must be less than the average*
25 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
26 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
27 *districts. If such question is not approved by the voters, the*
28 *Board of Council Members must not increase the number of*
29 *wards pursuant to subsection 3 and the existing wards must,*
30 *as nearly as practicable, be of equal population and in*
31 *compact form.*

32 *(d) The office of Council Member to represent a new*
33 *ward must be filled initially as set forth in section 5.010.*
34 *Such an office must not be filled initially by appointment.*

35 **Sec. 66.** Section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Wells,
36 being chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 458, is hereby
37 amended to read as follows:

38 Sec. 1.050 Elective offices.

39 1. The elective officers of the City consist of:

40 (a) A Mayor.

41 (b) ~~Four~~ **One** Council ~~Members~~ **Member from each**
42 **ward.**

43 2. Such officers shall be elected as provided by this
44 Charter.



1 **Sec. 67.** Section 1.060 of the Charter of the City of Wells,
2 being chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
3 chapter 59, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 144, is hereby
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 1.060 Elective offices: Vacancies. Except as
6 otherwise provided in NRS 268.325 ~~[-]~~ **and section 1.035:**

7 1. A vacancy in the Board of Council Members or in the
8 office of Mayor must be filled by a majority vote of the
9 members of the Board of Council Members within 30 days
10 after the occurrence of the vacancy. A person may be selected
11 to fill a prospective vacancy in the Board before the vacancy
12 occurs. In such a case, each member of the Board, except any
13 member whose term of office expires before the occurrence
14 of the vacancy, may participate in any action taken by the
15 Board pursuant to this section. The appointee must have the
16 same qualifications as are required of the elective official.

17 2. No such appointment extends beyond the first
18 Monday in:

19 (a) July after the next municipal election, for
20 appointments to offices that were on the ballot in June 2005
21 or 2007; and

22 (b) January after the next municipal election, for
23 appointments to offices that were on the ballot in June 2009,
24 November 2010 or any subsequent even-numbered year,

25 ↳ at which election the office must be filled for the
26 remaining unexpired term or the successor to the previously
27 vacated seat will be selected, as appropriate.

28 **Sec. 68.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Wells,
29 being chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
30 chapter 59, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 144, is hereby
31 amended to read as follows:

32 Sec. 2.010 Board of Council Members: Qualifications;
33 election; term of office; salary.

34 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a Board
35 of Council Members consisting of ~~four~~ **one** Council
36 ~~Members~~ **Member from each ward** and a Mayor.

37 2. The Mayor ~~and Council Members~~ must be:

38 (a) ~~Bona~~ **A bona fide** ~~residents~~ **resident** of the City for
39 at least 2 years prior to ~~their~~ **his or her** election.

40 (b) ~~Qualified electors~~ **A qualified elector** within the
41 City.

42 3. **Each Council Member must be:**

43 (a) **A bona fide resident of the City for at least 2 years**
44 **prior to his or her election.**



1 ***(b) A qualified elector within the ward which he or she***
2 ***represents.***

3 ***(c) A resident of the ward which he or she represents,***
4 ***except that changes effected in the boundaries of a ward***
5 ***pursuant to section 1.035 do not affect the right of any***
6 ***elected Council Member to continue in office for the term***
7 ***for which he or she was elected.***

8 **~~4. [All Council Members, including the]~~ The Mayor ~~[.]~~**
9 must be voted upon by the registered voters of the City at
10 large and, except as otherwise provided in section 5.010, shall
11 serve for ~~[terms]~~ **a term** of 4 years.

12 ***5. Each Council Member must be voted upon by the***
13 ***registered voters of the ward which he or she seeks to***
14 ***represent and, except as otherwise provided in section 5.010,***
15 ***shall serve for terms of 4 years.***

16 **~~[4.]~~ 6.** The Mayor and Council Members shall receive a
17 salary in an amount fixed by the Board of Council Members.

18 **Sec. 69.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Wells,
19 being chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter
20 59, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 145, is hereby amended to read
21 as follows:

22 Sec. 5.010 General municipal elections.

23 1. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2007,
24 there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a
25 general election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and one
26 Council Member, both of whom hold office until their
27 successors have been elected and qualified pursuant to
28 subsection 3.

29 2. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2009,
30 there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a
31 general election to be held for that purpose, three Council
32 Members, all of whom hold office until their successors have
33 been elected and qualified pursuant to subsection 4.

34 3. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November
35 2010, and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter,
36 there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a
37 general election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and one
38 Council Member, both of whom hold office for a period of 4
39 years and until their successors have been elected and
40 qualified.

41 4. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November
42 2012, and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter,
43 there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a
44 general election to be held for that purpose, three Council



1 Members, all of whom hold office for a period of 4 years and
2 until their successors have been elected and qualified.

3 *5. If the Board of Council Members is required to*
4 *increase the number of wards pursuant to section 1.035, the*
5 *office of Council Member to represent a new ward must be*
6 *filled initially at the general municipal election immediately*
7 *following:*

8 (a) *The date on which the Board of Council Members*
9 *determined that an increase in the number of wards was*
10 *necessary; or*

11 (b) *The general municipal election at which the question*
12 *proposing the increase in wards is approved by the voters,*
13 *as applicable. Any Council Member elected pursuant to*
14 *this subsection holds office for a period of 4 years and until*
15 *his or her successor is elected and qualified.*

16 **Sec. 70.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Wells,
17 being chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 469, is hereby
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Sec. 5.020 Applicability of state election laws; elections
20 under Board of Council Members' control; voting precincts.

21 1. All elections held under this Charter shall be governed
22 by the provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as
23 such laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent
24 herewith.

25 2. The conduct of all municipal elections shall be under
26 the control of the Board of Council Members. For the conduct
27 of municipal elections, for the prevention of fraud in such
28 elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or
29 fraud, the Board of Council Members shall adopt by
30 ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and
31 consistent with law and this Charter.

32 ~~3. There shall be but one voting precinct in the City. All~~
33 ~~elective officers shall be elected by the voters of the City at~~
34 ~~large.]~~

35 **Sec. 71.** The Charter of the City of Yerington, being chapter
36 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 901, is hereby amended by
37 adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 1.035,
38 immediately following section 1.030, to read as follows:

39 *Sec. 1.035 Wards: Creation; increase; boundaries.*

40 1. *The City must by ordinance be divided into wards*
41 *which must:*

42 (a) *Result in an odd number of voting members of the*
43 *City Council, including the Mayor.*

44 (b) *As nearly as practicable, be of equal population and*
45 *contiguous.*



1 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, each*
2 *have a population that is less than the average population of*
3 *assembly districts in the State as determined at the time of*
4 *the most recent apportionment of assembly districts. If the*
5 *City would need more than eight wards in order to ensure*
6 *that the population of every ward is less than the average*
7 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*
8 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
9 *districts, the City must be divided into eight wards and the*
10 *population of each ward must, as nearly as practicable, be*
11 *of equal population and contiguous unless the voters of the*
12 *City approve having more than eight wards.*

13 2. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.209, the*
14 *boundaries of the wards:*

15 (a) *Must be changed:*

16 (1) *Whenever the population in any ward exceeds the*
17 *population in any other ward by more than 5 percent, as*
18 *determined by the last preceding national decennial census*
19 *conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United States*
20 *Department of Commerce; or*

21 (2) *Whenever the population of any ward is more*
22 *than the average population of assembly districts in the*
23 *State, as determined after every apportionment of assembly*
24 *districts.*

25 (b) *May be changed to include territory which has been*
26 *annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds*
27 *the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent by*
28 *any measure that is found to be reliable by the City Council.*

29 3. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and*
30 *NRS 293.209, the City Council must increase the number of*
31 *wards in which the City is divided if, at the time the*
32 *boundaries of wards are changed pursuant to subsection 2,*
33 *it is not possible for the population of the existing number*
34 *of wards to be less than the average population of assembly*
35 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
36 *recent apportionment of assembly districts.*

37 4. *If the City Council is required to increase the*
38 *number of wards pursuant to subsection 3:*

39 (a) *The number of wards must result in an odd number*
40 *of voting members of the City Council, including the Mayor.*

41 (b) *The wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of equal*
42 *population and in compact form.*

43 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
44 *population of each ward must be less than the average*
45 *population of assembly districts in the State as determined*



1 *at the time of the most recent apportionment of assembly*
2 *districts. If the City Council would have to create more than*
3 *eight wards in order to ensure that the population of each*
4 *ward is less than the average population of assembly*
5 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
6 *recent apportionment of assembly districts, the City Council*
7 *must submit a question to the registered voters seeking*
8 *approval to create more than eight wards at the next general*
9 *city election. If such question is approved by the registered*
10 *voters, the City Council must create the number of wards so*
11 *approved by the voters and the population of each ward*
12 *must be less than the average population of assembly*
13 *districts in the State as determined at the time of the most*
14 *recent apportionment of assembly districts. If such question*
15 *is not approved by the voters, the City Council must not*
16 *increase the number of wards pursuant to subsection 3 and*
17 *the existing wards must, as nearly as practicable, be of*
18 *equal population and in compact form.*

19 *(d) The office of Council Member to represent a new*
20 *ward must be filled initially as set forth in section 5.010.*
21 *Such an office must not be filled initially by appointment.*

22 **Sec. 72.** Section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Yerington,
23 being chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 902, is hereby
24 amended to read as follows:

25 Sec. 1.050 Elective offices.

26 1. The elective officers of the City consist of:

27 (a) A Mayor.

28 (b) ~~Four~~ **One** Council ~~Members.~~ **Member from each**
29 **ward.**

30 2. Such officers shall be elected as provided by this
31 Charter.

32 **Sec. 73.** Section 1.060 of the Charter of the City of Yerington,
33 being chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter
34 515, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 2453, is hereby amended to
35 read as follows:

36 Sec. 1.060 Elective offices: Vacancies. Except as
37 otherwise provided in NRS 268.325 ~~and~~ **and section 1.035:**

38 1. A vacancy in the City Council or in the office of
39 Mayor must be filled by a majority vote of the members of
40 the City Council, or the remaining members, in the case of a
41 vacancy in the City Council, within 30 days after the
42 occurrence of the vacancy. The appointee must have the same
43 qualifications as are required of the elective official.



2. No such appointment extends beyond the first Monday in July after the next municipal election, at which election the office must be filled.

Sec. 74. Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Yerington, being chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 963, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.010 City Council: Qualifications; election; term of office; salary.

1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City Council consisting of ~~four~~ **one** Council ~~Members.~~ **Member from each ward.**

2. The Council Members must be:

(a) Bona fide residents of the City for at least 6 months immediately preceding their election.

(b) Qualified electors in the City.

(c) Residents of the ward which they represent, except that changes effected in the boundaries of a ward pursuant to section 1.035 do not affect the right of any elected Council Member to continue in office for the term for which he or she was elected.

3. All Council Members must be voted upon by the registered voters of the ~~City at large~~ **ward which they seek to represent** and, except as otherwise provided in section 5.010, shall serve for terms of 4 years.

4. The Council Members shall receive a salary in an amount fixed by the City Council.

Sec. 75. Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Yerington, being chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 336, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 1893, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.010 Municipal elections.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~2~~ **3**:

(a) On the second Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2019, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and two Council Members, who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

(b) On the second Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2017, and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, two Council Members, who shall hold office for a period of 4



1 years and until their successors have been elected and
2 qualified.

3 2. *If the City Council is required to increase the*
4 *number of wards pursuant to section 1.035, the office of*
5 *Council Member to represent a new ward must be filled*
6 *initially at the general municipal election immediately*
7 *following:*

8 (a) *The date on which the City Council determined that*
9 *an increase in the number of wards was necessary; or*

10 (b) *The general municipal election at which the question*
11 *proposing the increase in wards is approved by the voters,*
12 *↪ as applicable. Any Council Member elected pursuant to*
13 *this subsection holds office for a period of 4 years and until*
14 *his or her successor is elected and qualified.*

15 3. The City Council may by ordinance provide for a
16 primary municipal election and general municipal election on
17 the dates set forth for primary elections and general elections
18 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS.

19 ~~[3.]~~ 4. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant
20 to subsection ~~[2.]~~ 3, the dates set forth in NRS 293.12755, in
21 subsections 2 to 5, inclusive, of NRS 293.165 and in NRS
22 293.175, 293.177, 293.345 and 293.368 apply for the
23 purposes of conducting the primary municipal elections and
24 general municipal elections.

25 ~~[4.]~~ 5. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant
26 to subsection ~~[2.]~~ 3, the term of office of any elected official
27 may be shortened but may not be lengthened as a result of the
28 ordinance.

29 **Sec. 76.** After the completion of the 2020 decennial census of
30 the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of
31 Commerce, and before January 1, 2023:

32 1. In a city incorporated pursuant to general law, each:

33 (a) City Council of a city that is not divided into wards shall
34 establish wards as required pursuant to NRS 266.095, as amended
35 by section 4 of this act.

36 (b) City Council of a city that is divided into wards shall amend
37 the number of wards or the boundaries thereof as required pursuant
38 to NRS 266.095, as amended by section 4 of this act.

39 2. In a city incorporated by charter, the City Council, Board of
40 Council Members or Board of Supervisors, as applicable, shall
41 create wards, increase the number of wards or adjust the boundaries
42 of existing wards as necessary to comply with the provisions of the
43 applicable city charter, as amended pursuant to this act.



1 **Sec. 77.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
2 contrary, in a city incorporated pursuant to general law or charter, a
3 member of a governing body who holds office on January 1, 2023:

4 1. If elected or appointed to represent a ward, shall continue to
5 represent that ward for the remainder of his or her term of office.

6 2. If elected or appointed to represent the City at large, shall
7 continue to represent the City at large for the remainder of his or her
8 term of office.

9 **Sec. 78.** Section 15 of chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017,
10 at page 4203, is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 Sec. 15. 1. This section and sections 1, 3, 6 to 9,
12 inclusive, 11 and 13 of this act become effective on July 1,
13 2017.

14 2. Sections 2, 4, 5, 10, 12 and 14 of this act become
15 effective:

16 (a) On July 1, 2017, for the purpose of passing
17 ordinances, establishing the boundaries of the additional ward
18 created by the provisions of section 1.050 of the Charter of
19 the City of Reno, as amended by section 2 of this act,
20 changing the boundaries of the first through fifth wards to
21 comply with the provisions of section 1.050 of the Charter of
22 the City of Reno, as amended by section 2 of this act, and
23 performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are
24 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

25 (b) On January 1, ~~2024,~~ 2023, for all other purposes.

26 **Sec. 79.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
27 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
28 provisions of this act.

29 **Sec. 80.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval
30 for the purpose of performing any administrative tasks that are
31 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act and on January 1,
32 2023, for all other purposes.

