

(b) If any person who has filed a petition as a candidate for either Mayor or City Councilman shall withdraw as a candidate, by a written notice sent to the City Clerk, he shall be considered as if he had never filed a petition of candidacy, in so far as this is possible.

13. DATE. The primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday in March, 1950, and on the same day in every second year thereafter.

14. CITY CLERK. At least sixty days prior to every scheduled primary election the City Clerk shall prepare and have on hand an adequate supply of nominating petitions, which he shall distribute upon request to any qualified voter of the City. The nominating petition shall be in such form as the City Clerk shall determine, and it shall be so arranged as to show, when properly filled out, that the prospective candidate has the qualifications necessary for the office for which he files a petition.

15. PETITIONS. Any person desiring to become a candidate for either Mayor or City Councilman shall file with the City Clerk, at least ten days before the scheduled date of the primary election, one of such nominating petitions, properly filled out, as a statement of his candidacy for such office. The petition shall be accompanied by the signatures of at least one hundred qualified voters of the City, requesting such candidacy. No such qualified voter shall sign more than one such petition for a prospective candidate for Mayor, nor more than four such petitions for prospective candidates for City Councilman.

16. ELECTION SUPERVISORS. Immediately upon the expiration of the time for the filing of petitions for nomination, the City Clerk shall assemble all petitions filed with him in proper form and in due time, and shall deliver them forthwith to the Board of Election Supervisors of Allegany County, or to the Clerk of said Board. The Board shall then proceed to conduct the primary election for the City. Except as otherwise provided herein, it shall follow generally the procedures and the requirements for conducting elections in Allegany County, as found in Article 33 of the Annotated Code, title "Elections".

17. BALLOTS. Beginning not less than seven days prior to the municipal primary election, if the number of candidates for either Mayor or City Councilman warrants holding a primary election, the said supervisors shall publish for three successive days in each daily newspaper published in