

32. It shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors of Elections to provide for each special and general election a suitable place or places for voting and suitable ballot boxes and ballots or voting machines. The ballots or voting machines shall show the name of each candidate nominated for elective office in accordance with the provisions of this Charter, arranged in alphabetical order by office with no party designation of any kind. The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall keep the polls open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. unless the Council, by resolution, shall fix longer or shorter hours.

33. Within forty-eight hours after the closing of the polls, the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall determine the votes cast for each candidate or question and shall certify the results of the election to the City Manager, who shall record the results in the records of the Council. The candidate for Mayor with the highest number of votes in the general election shall be declared elected as Mayor. The number of candidates for Councilman, corresponding to the number of seats to be filled, with the highest number of votes in the general election shall be declared elected as Councilmen. In case of a tie in the highest number of votes for Mayor, or in case of a tie in the votes for Councilmen wherein no candidate received the fifth (1970), third (1972 and every four years thereafter), second (1974 and every fourth year thereafter) highest number of votes, then in either of such events, there shall be a runoff election between the candidates receiving the tie votes to be held on the fourth Monday in May of the election year.

34. All ballots or records relating to the votes cast on voting machines shall be preserved for at least six months after the election to which they relate.

35. In case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor or Councilman for any reason, a majority of the remaining members of the Council shall elect some qualified person to fill such vacancy until the next general election. In the event that the term of the person originally elected to the office which has become vacant shall not expire at the next general election, then the remainder of that term shall be filled by election at the next general election.

36. Women shall have equal privileges with men in registering, voting, and holding City offices. Whenever the masculine gender has been used as to any registering, voting, or holding City offices, it shall be construed to include the feminine gender.

37. The Council shall have the power to provide, by ordinance, in every respect not covered by this Charter, for the establishment of a system of permanent registration, for nominations for elected City offices, and for the conduct of elections, the prevention of fraud or irregularity in connection therewith, and for recounts of ballots.

38. Any person who (a) fails to perform any duty required of him under the provisions of this Charter relating to elections, or any ordinances passed thereunder, or (b) willfully or corruptly does anything which will tend to affect fraudulently any registration, nomination, or City election, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not to exceed \$500.00, or imprisoned not to exceed 90 days, or both. Any officer or employee of the City government who is convicted of a misdemeanor under the provisions of this section shall immediately upon conviction thereof cease to hold such office or employment.