## IN THE CITY OF META, MISSOURI

BILL NO. 2019-22 ORDINANCE NO. 549

AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR NO ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF META, MISSOURI PERSUANT TO REVISED STATE STATUTES OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, CHAPTER 115, TITLE IX SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS, SECTION 115.124.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF META IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. No nonpartisan election in a political subdivision or municipality is required if the number of candidates filing is the same as the number of positions to be filled.
- Section 2 If no election is held for The City of Meta, Missouri, the City Clerk shall publish a notice stating the number of candidates for each office is equal to the number of positions for each office to be filled by the election and listing the names of the candidates that shall assume the responsibilities of said office in at least one newspaper of general circulation. Such notice shall be published by the first of the month in which the election would have occurred.
- Section 3 If at any election, the number of candidates filing for a particular office exceeds the number of positions to be filled at such election, the election authority shall hold the election as scheduled, even if a sufficient number of candidates withdraw from such context for that office so that the number of candidates remaining after the filing deadline is equal to the number of positions to be filled.
- Section 4. If a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters, the City of Meta, Missouri shall conduct nonpartisan municipal elections for all nonpartisan elections remaining in the year in which the proposal was adopted and for the six (6) calendar years immediately following such approval.
- Section 5. At the end of such six-year period, the City of Meta shall be prohibited from conducting such elections in such a manner unless such a question is again adopted by the majority of qualified voters.
- Section 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage and approval.

FIRST READING HELD ON THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE HELD ON THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

Aldermen	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	
Lawrence Hoffman Steven Sherrell Ivie Helton Otto Wankum Mayor Harold Libbert (in case of a tie vote)	<u></u>		
(SEAL)	Harold Libbert, Mayor		
Attest:	Mary Plassmeyer, City Treasurer		

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Title IX SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

Chapter 115

115.124. Nonpartisan election in political subdivision or special district, no election required if number of candidates filing is same as number of positions to be filled — exceptions — random drawing filing procedure followed when election is required — municipal elections, certain municipalities may submit requirements of subsection 1 to voters. -1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, in a nonpartisan election in any political subdivision or special district including municipal elections in any city, town, or village with two thousand or fewer inhabitants that have adopted a proposal pursuant to subsection 3 of this section but excluding municipal elections in any city, town, or village with more than two thousand inhabitants, if the notice provided for in subsection 5 of section 115.127 has been published in at least one newspaper of general circulation as defined in section 493.050 in the district, and if the number of candidates for each office in a particular political subdivision, special district, or municipality is equal to the number of positions for each office within the political subdivision, special district, or municipality to be filled by the election and no ballot measure is placed on the ballot such that a particular political subdivision will owe no proportional elections costs if an election is not held, no election shall be held, and the candidates shall assume the responsibilities of their offices at the same time and in the same manner as if they had been elected. If no election is held for a particular political subdivision, special district, or municipality as provided in this section, the election authority shall publish a notice containing the names of the candidates that shall assume the responsibilities of office under this section. Such notice shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation as defined in section 493.050 in such political subdivision or district by the first of the month in which the election would have occurred, had it been contested. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if at any election the number of candidates filing for a particular office exceeds the number of positions to be filled at such election, the election authority shall hold the election as scheduled, even if a sufficient number of candidates withdraw from such contest for that office so that the number of candidates remaining after the filing deadline is equal to the number of positions to be filled.

2. The election authority or political subdivision responsible for the oversight of the filing of candidates in any nonpartisan election in any political subdivision or special district shall clearly designate where candidates shall form a line to effectuate such filings and determine the order of such filings; except that, in the case of candidates who file a declaration of candidacy with the election authority or political subdivision prior to 5:00 p.m. on the first day for filing, the election authority or political subdivision may determine by random drawing the order in which such candidates' names shall appear on the ballot. If a drawing is conducted pursuant to this subsection, it shall be conducted so that each candidate, or candidate's representative if the candidate filed under subsection 2 of section 115.355, may draw a number at random at the time of filing. If such drawing is conducted, the election authority or political subdivision shall record the number drawn with the candidate's declaration of candidacy. If such drawing is conducted, the names

of candidates filing on the first day of filing for each office on each ballot shall be listed in ascending order of the numbers so drawn.

3. The governing body of any city, town, or village with two thousand or fewer inhabitants may submit to the voters at any available election, a question to adopt the provisions of subsection 1 of this section for municipal elections. If a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the question, then the city, town, or village shall conduct nonpartisan municipal elections as provided in subsection 1 of this section for all nonpartisan elections remaining in the year in which the proposal was adopted and for the six calendar years immediately following such approval. At the end of such six-year period, each such city, town, or village shall be prohibited from conducting such elections in such a manner unless such a question is again adopted by the majority of qualified voters as provided in this subsection.

(L. 1990 S.B. 862 § 1, A.L. 1996 S.B. 598, A.L. 1999 H.B. 676, A.L. 2003 S.B. 686, A.L. 2006 S.B. 1014 & 730, A.L. 2014 H.B. 1125 merged with S.B. 593, A.L. 2018 H.B. 1446 merged with S.B. 592)

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