

RESOLUTION NO. R-22-45

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE DETERMINATION OF BALLOT ORDER FOR CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to preserve the fairness of local elections; and

WHEREAS, candidates for City Council have historically lined up prior to the filing period opening and the order of candidates on the ballot was determined by the candidates order in line; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, candidates have started the line increasingly earlier, with some candidates waiting in line in excess of eight hours before the filing period opens; and

WHEREAS, State Law allows for random drawing to determine ballot order at the start of the filing period,

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the candidates, the public, and the election process to utilize a random drawing to determine ballot order.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council resolves that all candidates for City Council, prior to 5:00 pm on the first day of filing, shall be eligible to participate in a random drawing to determine ballot order.

FURTHER, at the time of filing the candidate shall draw a random number. The ballot order shall be in ascending order.

FURTHER, candidates that file after 5:00 pm on the first date of filing shall be listed in the order filed and after the candidates participating in the random drawing.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI THIS 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.



Bill Garnos, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kris Keller, City Clerk

	1st Come 1st Served	Random Numbers		
Liberty	X		Per City Clerk	
Smithville	X		Per City Clerk	
Riverside	X		Per City Code	
				The City Clerk or the Clerk's designee 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 prior to 5:00 p.m. on the first day for filing, the City Clerk shall determine by random drawing the order in which such candidates' names shall appear on the ballot. The drawing shall be conducted so that each candidate, or candidate's representative if the candidate filed under Subsection 2 of Section 115.355, RSMo., 2016, shall draw a number at random at the time of filing. The City Clerk or the Clerk's designee shall record the number drawn with the candidate's declaration of candidacy. 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.
O'Fallon		X	Per City Clerk	
				Placement of candidate names on the ballot shall be determined by a random number drawing in ascending order for the duration of the filing period. The City Clerk shall keep a permanent record of the names of the candidates, the offices for which they seek election, and the date of their filing.
Raymore		X	Per City Code	
Independence	X		Per City Clerk	Set in Charter
Grandview	X		Per City Clerk	The City Clerk noted that one year they were going to use the random numbers, but did not, due to the candidates agreeing on the order.



Request for Council Action

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BILL # City Clerk Only

ORD # City Clerk Only

Date: 7/27/2022

Department: General Administration

Meeting Date Requested: 8/8/2022

Public Hearing: Yes Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Subject: Determination of ballot order for City Council candidates.

Background: Historically, the City of Gladstone has used a policy for determining ballot order for Council candidates that is taken from Missouri State Statute "...shall clearly designate where candidates shall form a line to effectuate such filings and determine the order of such filings.." This has caused candidates to start lining up increasingly earlier and waiting in excess of eight hours before the filing period opens. State law includes an alternative method for determining ballot order. This method provides for random drawing on the first day of filing. The City Council believes it is in the best interest of all candidates if a random drawing process would be used in the future. Research has been done by the City Clerk that determined that other cities in Missouri use a random drawing. (see attached) All candidates for City Council prior to 5:00 pm on the first day of filing will be eligible to participate in a random drawing to determine ballot order.

Budget Discussion: Funds are budgeted in the amount of \$0 from the N/A Fund. Ongoing costs are estimated to be \$ 0 annually. Previous years' funding was \$

Public/Board/Staff Input:

Provide Original Contracts, Leases, Agreements, etc. to: City Clerk and Vendor

Scott Wingerson
Department Director/Administrator

JM
City Attorney

SW
City Manager