

SUBJECT: TITLE 4, ELECTION CODE REVISIONS

REQUESTED/PREPARED BY: K. VanGorder, City Clerk *KV* DATE: March 12, 2001

FOR AGENDA OF: March 12, 2001

SUMMARY:

Title 4 is proposed for amendment to address grammatical and technical changes, to differentiate the procedures between absentee and early voting, and to address ballot security issues.

Legislation was recently adopted and enacted to allow early voting for the two weeks prior to election day using the same procedures and equipment as election day. Early ballots are tabulated using electronic equipment while absentee ballot oath and affidavit envelopes are verified by the canvass board prior to tabulation.

WMC 4.04.010 The definitions are expanded to address the differences between early voting and absentee voting officials and revises the meaning of a qualified voter.

WMC 4.16.030 Defines the procedures and requirements for appointing election officials and absentee and early voting officials.

WMC 4.16.050(A) and (B) The general practice is to provide sample ballots to all precincts and this amendment reflects that practice.

WMC 4.16.070 Early voter registers were initiated this year and must be included in the voting history reports submitted to the state after each election.

WMC 4.20.010 is amended to include early ballots if provided and available in an election.

WMC 4.20.020 The title is amended to limit this section to absentee voting by mail. Section (D) is amended to reflect the general election practice.

WMC 4.20.030 is repealed in its entirety and readopted as WMC 4.20.031, early voting.

WMC 4.20.031 is adopted to address the procedure for early voting for voters who are qualified to vote in city elections and are issued a ballot at voting sites, which if available will be processed by tabulation equipment or if equipment is not available will be processed at a later time by a canvass board.

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WMC 4.24.060 is amended to reflect general voting practice.

WMC 4.24.070 is amended to include general practice.

WMC 4.24.090 is amended to reflect the section addressing assistance to voters by persons of the voter's choice.

WMC 4.28.060 is amended to allow ballots to be destroyed 30 days after certification or the final resolution of any contest, consistent with the general state practice.

WMC 4.28.081 this section establishes a procedure for counting early ballots.

WMC 4.28.100 is amended to include early ballots in the certification process.

WMC 4.32.070 is amended to include early ballots in the recount procedures.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Yes, amount requested: \$

Fund:

CLERK'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Administration Initial: JWC

Attachments: