

CHAPTER 12

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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12.1 Conduct of Municipal Elections.

Regular and special municipal elections shall be held at such intervals and in the manner provided in Sections 47 to 58 of the Rochester City Charter.

12.2 Municipal Election – Filing Declaration of Candidacy. [1]

No person's name shall be printed upon the municipal election ballot unless, not later than five o'clock in the afternoon of the forty-fifth (45th), nor earlier than nine o'clock in the forenoon of the sixtieth (60th) day prior to the date of said municipal election, such person shall file with the City Clerk a written declaration of candidacy on forms prepared by the City Clerk and shall have paid to the City Clerk, for the use of the City, a filing fee in the appropriate amount. The appropriate amount of filing fee for the various municipal offices shall be as follows: for Mayor, \$50.00; for City Council, \$10.00; for School Board, \$10.00; for Police Commission, \$10.00; for election official and any other municipal office to be voted upon at said municipal election, \$2.00.

12.3 Municipal Election – Incompatible Candidacies.

No person shall be permitted to file declarations of candidacy at any municipal election for incompatible offices. For purposes of this section, incompatible offices shall include the offices of Mayor, City Councilor, School Board member, and Police Commissioner. If any person shall attempt to file declarations of candidacy for such incompatible offices, the City Clerk shall advise of the provisions hereof.

12.4 Municipal Election – Incompatible Offices.

No person shall hold two of the following offices at the same time: Mayor, City Councilor, School Board member, Police Commissioner. An acceptance of any one of the aforesaid offices shall be a resignation of the others.

12.5 Municipal Election – Recount.

Any candidate for an office at a municipal election shall be entitled to a recount of the ballots cast at said election upon his/her filing with the City Clerk an application for such recount in accordance with the provisions of Section 52 of the City Charter and paying to the City Clerk for the use of the City, a fee in the appropriate amount. In cases where the vote margin separating the candidate requesting the recount from the winning candidate

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according to the official canvass of the votes is no greater than three percent (3%) of the total votes cast for such office at said election, the appropriate fee shall be \$50.00 for a Citywide recount and \$10.00 for a ward recount. In all other cases, the appropriate fee for a recount shall be \$600.00 for a Citywide recount and \$200.00 for a ward recount.

Amendments

[1] Amended 6/1/10