

UNCONTESTED ELECTION ORDINANCE

City of Van Buren, Missouri

Bill No. _____

Ordinance No. 442

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE UNCONTESTED ELECTION PROVISIONS OF RSMo. § 115.124.1 WHEN THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES IS EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF OFFICES TO BE FILLED.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 115.124, RSMo., certain municipalities of the state of Missouri are empowered to enact ordinances permitting the City to forego hosting municipal elections where the number of candidates filed for an elected position are equal to the number of elected positions to be filled, resulting in an uncontested election for such position;

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2024, the City of Van Buren, Missouri duly and properly submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Van Buren, Missouri a ballot measure asking the following question, "Shall the City of Van Buren, Missouri conduct municipal elections in accordance with Subsection 1 of Section 115.124 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo.), such that when the number of candidates seeking office are equal to the number of positions to be filled, resulting in uncontested elections for such office, no election would be held"; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the certified election results of April 5, 2024, said ballot measure was passed by "Yes" vote of the majority of the qualified voters of the City of Van Buren, Missouri;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF VAN BUREN:

Section 1. Pursuant to the authority granted by and subject to the provisions of Section 115.124.1, RSMo., there shall be no municipal election held for any municipal office where the number of candidates properly filing for such office are equal to the number of positions within the municipality to be filled by any such election and where the municipality has not placed any ballot measure upon the ballot such that the municipality would owe no proportional election costs.

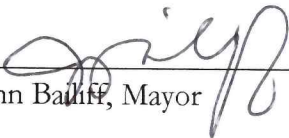
Section 2. All candidates taking office pursuant to the election provisions of Section 1 hereof shall take their offices at the same time and in the same manner as if they had been elected.

Section 3. The City of Van Buren, Missouri shall publish the names of candidates filing for any election in accordance with the provisions of section 115.124, RSMo., including any requirement to publish in a newspaper of regular circulation, if such requirement is contained therein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its execution and shall remain in full force and effect for six (6) years from the date of its passing, at which time the ballot measure shall be resubmitted to the voters entitled to vote thereon asking whether it shall be approved for another six-year term.

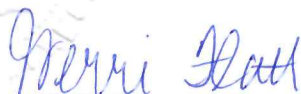
READ TWO TIMES AND PASSED THIS 8th DAY OF April, 2024.

City of Van Buren, Missouri



John Bailey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerri Flat, City Clerk