

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 15

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 14-103, 14-201 and 14-204 RELATING TO THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY OFFICERS, THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE, TRANSITIONS TO NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND NOMINATION PETITIONS; AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT; AND REPEALING CHARTER ORDINANCE NO 14.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS:**

**Section 1.** The City of Chetopa, Kansas, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution hereby elects to and does exempt itself and make inapplicable to the provisions of K.S.A. 14-103, 14-201 and 14-201 that apply to this city, but are parts of enactments which do not apply uniformly to all cities.

**Section 2.** (a) The Governing Body shall consist of a mayor and 6 council members to be elected to terms as set forth herein. The mayor and council members shall be residents and qualified electors of the City of Chetopa, Kansas.

(b) The Governing Body of the city will be elected from the general population of the City of Chetopa. For election purposes, all previous wards and/or precincts established by the City of Chetopa are hereby abolished.

**Section 3.** Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2017; shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2018, when the city officials elected in the November 2017 general election take office. Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2019 shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2020, when the city officials elected in the November 2019 general election take office.

**Section 4.** A general election of the governing body will take place on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November 2017. Succeeding elections will be held every two years for all such governing body positions whose terms have expired. The mayor and council members shall have four year terms. There shall be no primary elections.

**Section 5.** Beginning in 2017, the mayor shall appoint at the second meeting in February, by and with the consent of the council, a municipal judge of the municipal court, a chief of police, city clerk, city attorney and any other officers deemed necessary. Any officers appointed and confirmed shall hold an initial term of office of not to exceed one year and until

their successors are appointed and qualified. Any officers who are reappointed shall hold their offices for a term of one year and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The council shall by ordinance specify the duties and compensation of the office holders and by ordinance may abolish any office created by the council whenever deemed expedient. The council may retain a licensed professional engineer to act in the capacity of City Engineer for specifically defined duties and provide for reasonable compensation for the services rendered.

**Section 6.** In accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, any person may become a candidate for city office elected at large by having had filed on their behalf, a nomination petition or a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by any fee required by law. The nomination petition must be signed by fifty (50) of the qualified electors of the City of Chetopa.

**Section 7.** Charter Ordinance No. 14 and any ordinance or parts thereof of the city which are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 8.** This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper, the Labette Avenue.

**Section 9.** This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after the final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed, requiring a referendum to be held on the ordinance as provided by Article 12, Section 5, Subsection (c) (3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this Charter Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members elect voting in favor thereof, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016.

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Terry G. Robison

Mayor

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Toni A. Crumrine

City Clerk