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ARTICLE 1 - Jurisdiction

1.0101 **Over Persons and Property**

The jurisdiction of the City of LaMoure, North Dakota, extends to all persons, places and property within its boundaries, and such extra-territorial jurisdiction as is granted to it under the provisions of the North Dakota Century Code and amendments.

1.0102 **Defining City Limits**

There shall be included within the municipal limits of the City all areas duly platted and recorded as being within said City; all lots and blocks shall also include all streets, alleys and public ways included within the area and adjacent thereto which are defined as within the confines of the City limits. The City Council shall have jurisdiction within the corporate City limits and over any common or public grounds belonging to the City, and in and over all places within one-half mile of the municipal limits for the purpose of enforcing health ordinances and regulations, and police regulations and ordinances adopted to promote the peace, order, safety and general welfare of the municipality. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-06-01)

1.0104 **City Fines and Penalties Limited**

The provisions of Section 40-05-06 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the utilization of the sentencing alternatives, other than a fine or imprisonment, provided by NDCC Section 12.1-32-02 for the violation of a City ordinance, nor shall this section limit the use of deferred or suspended sentences pursuant to North Dakota Century Code chapter 12.1-32.

ARTICLE 2 - Governing Body - City Council

1.0201 **Regular Meetings**

The City Council shall meet regularly at the City Hall on the second Monday of each month at the hour of 5:30 pm unless some other time and place shall be specifically fixed by the council. The council shall meet in addition thereto, as often as required by section 40-08-10 of the North Dakota Century Code.

1.0202 **Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be called at any time by the mayor or any two (2) members of the governing body to consider matters mentioned in the call of such meetings. Notice of any special meeting shall be given to each member of the governing body at least three hours before the time of the meeting. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-10)

1.0203 **Meeting to be Public - Journal of Proceedings to be Kept**

All meetings of the governing body shall be open to the public, and a journal of its proceedings shall be kept. Notice of the regular meeting time or of special meeting shall be given as provided by section 44-04-20 of the North Dakota Century Code and amendments.

1.0204 **Quorum**

The provisions of section 40-06-03 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendment are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. A majority of the members of the governing body of a municipality shall constitute a quorum to do business but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time. The governing body may compel the attendance of absentees under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance, and may employ the police of the municipality for that purpose.

1.0205 Reconsidering or Rescinding Votes at Special Meeting

The provisions of section 40-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. No vote of the governing body of a municipality shall be reconsidered or rescinded at a special meeting unless there is present at such special meeting as large a number of members as were present when such vote was taken.

1.0206 Rules and Order of Business

Rules and order of business for the parliamentary government of the governing body shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-06-05)

ARTICLE 3 - Elective Officers

1.0301 City Council - Who Constitutes

The governing body of the City shall be the City Council which shall be composed of the mayor and council members. The mayor and six (6) council members shall be elected as provided by law. (Source: North Dakota Century Code sections 40-08-01,03)

1.0302 Term of Office of Council Members

Council members shall hold office for four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms of council members shall be arranged so that only one-half of the council members shall be elected in any one election. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-06)

1.0303 Mayor - Qualifications - Term

The chief executive officer of the City is the mayor. The mayor shall be a qualified elector within the City and shall hold office for four years and until a successor is elected and qualified. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-14)

1.0304 When President and Vice President of a Council are Elected

The provisions of section 40-08-11 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. At the organization meeting in each even numbered year, the members of the City Council shall proceed to elect from their number a president and vice president who shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected at the organization meeting following the next biennial election.

1.0305 Vacancies on Council or in Office of Mayor - How Filled

If a vacancy occurs in the office of council member by death, resignation or otherwise, City Council may call a special City Election to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term or may, after fifteen days of the date of such vacancy appoint a person to fill such vacancy until the next City Election, at which election the unexpired term shall be filled. Upon petition of five percent of the electors, as determined by the total number of votes cast in the last general election, the council shall call a special election to fill a vacancy occurring more than six months before the next City Election,

provided such petition has been submitted within fifteen (15) days and before 4:00 p.m. of the fifteenth (15th) day of the date of such vacancy or of the vacancy being filled by appointment. If the petition is mailed, it shall be in possession of the council or its representative before 4:00 p.m. on the fifteenth (15th) day after the vacancy occurs or after the vacancy was filled by appointment. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-08)

If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor, the City Council may call a special City Election to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term or may, after fifteen days from the date of such vacancy, elect one of its members to act as mayor. The member so elected shall possess all of the rights and powers of the mayor until the next election and until a mayor is elected and qualified. Upon petition of five percent of the electors, as determined by the total number of votes cast in the City in the last General Election, the council shall call a special election to fill a vacancy occurring more than six months prior to the next City Election, provided such petition is submitted within fifteen days of the date of such vacancy. During the interim between date when a vacancy occurs in the office of the mayor and election and qualification of a successor, the president of the City Council shall be acting mayor. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-16)

1.0306 Absence or Disability of Mayor - Who to be Acting Mayor

During the absence of the mayor from the City or during the mayor's temporary disability, the president of the City Council shall be the acting mayor and shall possess all of the powers of the mayor. In the absence or disability of the mayor and the president of the City Council, the vice president of the City Council shall be the acting mayor. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-13)

1.0307 Mayor to Preside at Council Meetings - Voting Power of Mayor

The mayor shall preside at all meetings of the City Council, but shall not vote except in case of a tie, when he shall cast the deciding vote. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-18)

1.0308 Mayor may Remove Appointive Officers - Reasons for Removal to be Given

The mayor may remove any office appointed by him whenever he is of the opinion that the interests of the City demands such removal, but he shall report the reasons for such removal to the council at its next regular meeting. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-19)

1.0309 Mayor may Suppress Disorder and Keep Peace

The mayor may exercise within the City limits the powers conferred upon the sheriff to suppress disorder and keep the peace. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-20)

1.0310 Mayor to Perform Duties Prescribed by Law - Enforced Laws and Ordinances

The mayor shall perform all duties prescribed by law or by the city ordinances, and shall see that the laws and ordinances are faithfully executed. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-22)

1.0311 Inspection of Books, Records and Papers of City by Mayor

The mayor, at any time, may examine and inspect the books, records and papers of any agent, employee or officer of the City. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-23)

1.0312 Ordinance or Resolution Signed or Vetoed by Mayor

The mayor shall sign or veto each ordinance or resolution passed by the council. Any action vetoed by the mayor may be overridden by the city council. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-24)

An ordinance or resolution adopted by the city council is not enacted until the ordinance or resolution is approved by the mayor or passed over the mayor's veto. An ordinance or resolution passed by the governing body of

a city operating under the council form of government must be deposited in the office of the city auditor for the approval of the mayor. If the mayor approves the ordinance or resolution, the mayor shall sign the ordinance or resolution. An ordinance or resolution not approved by the mayor must be returned by the mayor with the mayor's objections in writing to the next regular or special meeting of the council occurring not less than five days after the passage of the ordinance or resolution. The veto may extend to an entire ordinance or resolution or to any one or more items or appropriations contained in any ordinance or resolution making an appropriation. If a veto extends to only a part of an ordinance or resolution, the residue takes effect. If the mayor fails to return any ordinance or resolution with the mayor's objections within the time specified in this section, the mayor is deemed to have approved the ordinance or resolution. Any veto of an ordinance or resolution may be overridden by the city council, if two-thirds of its members pass a motion to override the veto. Upon such action, the ordinance or resolution is effective notwithstanding the veto. The vote to pass an ordinance or resolution over the mayor's veto must be taken by yeas and nays and entered in the journal. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-11-05)

1.0313 Message to Council

The mayor annually and from time to time shall give the council information relative to the affairs of the City and shall recommend for consideration such measures that he may deem expedient. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-25)

1.0314 Mayor May Call on Male Inhabitants to Aid in Enforcing Ordinances

When necessary, the mayor may call on each male inhabitant of the City over the age of eighteen years to aid in the enforcing of the laws and ordinances of the City. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-26)

1.0315 Police Chief and Policemen Appointed by Mayor

The mayor may appoint any number of policemen which he and the City Council may deem necessary to preserve the peace of the City, and he shall appoint one of the number as chief of police. Such appointment shall be subject to approval of the council. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-27)

1.0316 Mayor May Administer Oath

The mayor of the City may administer oaths and affirmations. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-28)

1.0317 Restrictions on Members of Board

The provisions of section 40-08-09 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance.

1. Except as provided herein, a member of the city council may not:
 - a. Be eligible to any other office the salary of which is payable out of the city treasury;
 - b. Hold any other office under the city government; and
 - c. Hold a position of remuneration in the employment of the city.
2. A member of the city council may serve as an ambulance crew member employed by the city or under a contract with the city and be remunerated for those services or as a volunteer firefighter or ambulance crew member for the city and be compensated for attending training or responding to emergency calls or may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending training or in responding to emergency calls.
3. A member of the city council in a city having a population of five hundred or fewer may hold a position of remuneration in the employment of the city if no other qualified individual is available to hold the position of remuneration at an equal cost to the city. The decision to employ the member of the city council must receive the unanimous approval of the other members of the council, and the approval must be documented in the official minutes of the council. This subsection does not apply to appointed officer positions under Section 1.0501.

ARTICLE 4 - Elective Officers Other Than Governing Body

1.0401 Municipal Judge

There shall be elected each four years a municipal judge who shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualified. The municipal judge shall perform all the duties prescribed by law and the ordinances of this City. The municipal judge shall receive a salary as full compensation for all services rendered. (Source: North Dakota Century Code sections 40-14-01, 40-14-02, and 40-18-06)

1.0402 Report to the City Auditor

It shall be the duty of the municipal judge to make and file a full report under oath, of all fees, fines, and other monetary considerations collected by the court during the preceding month, and showing the actions in which these amounts were collected. Until such report has been filed with the city auditor, no salary shall be paid to the municipal judge. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-18-06)

1.0403 Fees to City Treasury

The municipal judge shall transfer the amount of fees, fines, and other monetary consideration collected in municipal court to the city treasury at the end of each month. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-18-06)

1.0404 Court Hours

The municipal judge shall be in attendance at municipal court for the transaction of business that may come before the court and shall devote the time necessary to handle and dispose of the business coming before the court.

1.0405 Duties of Municipal Judge

Additional duties of the municipal judge shall be as provided by the provisions of chapter 40-18 of the North Dakota Century Code and all amendments.

1.0406 Victim Witness Fee

The municipal judge may assess a fee of not more than twenty-five (25) dollars as part of a sentence imposed on a defendant who pleads guilty to or is convicted of violating a municipal ordinance for which the maximum penalty that may be imposed by law for the offense includes imprisonment. The fee assessed under this section is in addition to any fine, penalty, costs, or administrative fee prescribed by law. The municipal judge may assess the fee when sentence is imposed or when sentence is suspended or imposition of sentence is deferred, unless the defendant is indigent and unable to pay the fee. All fees paid to the municipal court under this section shall be deposited in the general fund for allocation by the governing body to:

1. A private, nonprofit domestic violence assault program,
2. A victim and witness advocacy program of which the primary function is to provide direct services to victims of and witnesses to crime; or
3. The statewide automated victim information and notification system (SAVIN), administered by the North Dakota Attorney General.

(Source: North Dakota Century Code section 27-01-10)

ARTICLE 5 - Appointive Offices

1.0501 Appointive Officers in Council Cities

The mayor, with the approval of the City Council, shall appoint the following officers:

1. city auditor;
2. city assessor;
3. city attorney;
4. city engineer; and
5. such other officers as the City Council deems necessary and expedient.

The city assessor shall be appointed at the first meeting of the City Council in September of each odd numbered year. The City Council, by majority vote, may dispense with any appointive office and provide that the duties of that office be performed by others. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-14-04)

1.0502 Term of Appointive Officers

The term of all appointive officers of the City operating under the council form of government shall commence the first day of July succeeding their appointment unless otherwise provided by ordinance, and such officers shall hold their respective offices for two years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-14-05)

1.0503 General Duties of City Auditor

It shall be the duty of the city auditor to issue the calls for all special meetings of the City Council when requested to do so by the mayor or any two (2) members of the City Council. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-10)

The city auditor shall also keep a full and complete record of all meetings of the City Council and shall keep a book titled as the "Ordinance Book" and shall record therein at length all ordinances of the City. The city auditor shall also keep a book titled as the "Special Assessment Book" in which to keep all records of special assessments. The city auditor shall report to the City Council at the end of every month a list of all warrants, interest coupons, bonds or other evidence of indebtedness which may have been redeemed or paid during the month and shall duly give to the council a copy of the receipt therefore. The city auditor shall further handle all correspondence, permits and licenses and shall do and perform all other duties prescribed by statutes of this state, or by an ordinance, resolution or proper instruction of the City Council. (Source: North Dakota Century Code chapter 40-16)

The city auditor shall draw and countersign all orders on the treasury, pursuant to any Order or Resolution of the City Council and keep a full and accurate account thereof in books provided for that purpose, and shall present to the city Council for its consideration all communications, claims, and other matters filed in that office for the purpose at the next meeting. City Auditor shall receive all monies belonging to the city including all taxes, license money, fines and special assessments and keep accurate and detailed accounts thereof in the manner provided by law. The City Auditor shall report monthly to the City Council giving a full and detailed account of all receipts and expenditures during and since the last report and the state of the treasury.

Said officers or employees shall be bonded in accordance with the provisions of Section 40-13-02 and Chapter 26.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code.

1.0504 General Duties of City Attorney

The City Attorney shall conduct all the law business of the City and of the departments thereof and shall, when requested, furnish written opinions upon the subjects submitted by the governing body of the city or any other department. The City Attorney shall also draft all ordinances, bonds, contracts, leases, conveyances and such other instruments as may be required by the officers of the City, examine and inspect tax and assessment rolls and all other proceedings in reference to the levying and collection of taxes, keep a docket of all cases to which the city may be a party in any court of record in which must be entered briefly all steps taken in each such case and such docket must be open to public inspection at all reasonable hours, and perform all other duties prescribed by statutes of the state, or by an ordinance, resolution or proper instruction of the city council. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-20-01)

1.0505 General Duties of Other Appointive Officers

All other appointive officers shall perform such duties as directed by the City Council, directed by these ordinances or directed or authorized by the laws of the state of North Dakota.

ARTICLE 6 - Special Provisions Regarding City Officers

1.0601 Bonds of Municipal Officers and Employees

The following officers and employees of the City shall be bonded in accordance with the provisions of section 40-13-02 and chapter 26.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code:

1. mayor
2. city auditor
3. municipal judge
4. city assessor; and
5. city administrator

1.0602 Oaths of Municipal Officers

Every person elected or appointed to any municipal office, before the person enters upon the discharge of the duties thereof, shall take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed for civil officers and, except in the case of the auditor, shall file the same with the city auditor within 10 days after notice of his election or appointment has been given. The oath of the auditor shall be filed in the office of the county auditor. Refusal to take the oath of office shall also be deemed a refusal to serve and, therefore, a failure to qualify for the office pursuant to North Dakota Century Code section 44-02-01. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-13-03)

1.0603 Salaries of Elected Officers Fixed by Ordinance or Resolution

The Mayor and Council Members of this City shall receive compensation as established by ordinance. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-08-07 and 40-08-15) The compensation of the Mayor shall be 300.00 per month. The compensation of Council Members shall be 125.00 per month. The salary of the municipal judge shall be set by resolution of the city governing body. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-18-06)

1.0604 Salaries of Appointive Officers and Employees

Salaries of City Appointive Officers and Employees, except as otherwise provided by law, shall be in such sums and amounts as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the governing body.

1.0605 Meals, Lodging, and Mileage - Amount Allowed

Each elective or appointive officer, employee, representative, or agent of this City, or of any of its subdivisions, boards or commissions may make claim and shall upon approval of such claim, be paid as an allowance for meals and lodging while engaged within this State, in the discharge of a public duty away from their normal working and living residence for all or any part of any quarter of a day at the rates specified by state law. Verifications of claims shall not be required for the first three quarters of each day and only a lodging receipt shall be required for the fourth quarter. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 44-08-04)

Such persons engaged in travel outside of the state shall not claim a sum in excess of that allowed by state law per day for meals and in addition thereto actual lodging expenses. Verification by receipt for such out-of-state travel expense shall be required only for lodging expense claimed. Verification of any other type of expenses not prescribed by this section shall be by receipt.

Mileage expenses shall be reimbursed at the rate provided for under state law for state officials and employees. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 54-06-09) Any person filing a false claim with the City for mileage or expenses as herein permitted is guilty of an infraction.

1.0606 Personal Interest in Contract by Public Officer - Prohibited

No contract for the furnishing of supplies to the City, or buying of property from the City shall be entered into by any officer of the municipality, provided, however, that such contracts may be entered into with an officer of the City, if such contract is unanimously approved by other members of the governing body of the City by a finding unanimously adopted by such other members, and entered in the official minutes of the governing body, to be necessary for the reason that the services or property are not otherwise available at equal cost. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-13-05)

1.0607 Retiring Officer to Turn Over Books

Any person having been an officer of the City shall, within five days after notification and request, deliver to his successor in office, all property, books and effects of every description in his possession belonging to the City or appertaining to his office; and upon his refusal to do so, shall be liable for all damages caused thereby, and guilty of an infraction.

1.0608 Administrative Policy and Procedure

Each officer shall:

1. Perform all duties required of their office by law or ordinance and such other duties not in conflict as may be required by the governing body.
2. Be immediately responsible to the governing body for the effective administration of their departments and all activities assigned thereto.
3. Keep informed as to the latest practices in their particular field and shall inaugurate with approval of the governing body such new practices as appear to be of benefit to the service and to the public.
4. Submit such reports of activities of their departments as the governing board may request.
5. Be responsible for the proper maintenance of all City property and equipment used in their departments.
6. Establish and maintain records in sufficient detail to furnish all information needed for proper control of department activities and to form a basis for reports to the governing board.
7. Cooperate with other officers, departments and employees.
8. Have power to direct and supervise all department subordinates.
9. Be available during the hours designated by the City governing body.

1.0609 Obstructing a Public Official - Prohibited

Every person who willfully delays or obstructs a public officer in the discharge or attempt to discharge any duty of his office shall be guilty of an infraction. Upon conviction, for a violation of this section, such person shall be fined not more than \$500.00.

ARTICLE 7 - Purchasing and Disposition of Property

1.0701 Competitive Bidding Requirements- Construction of Public Improvement

When the estimated costs for the construction of a public improvement is in excess of one hundred fifty thousand dollars, competitive bidding is required. (Source: North Dakota Century Code sections 48-01.2-04, 48-01.2-02.1)

If the estimated cost for construction of a public improvement is in excess of one hundred fifty thousand dollars, plans, drawings and specifications for the improvement shall be procured from an architect or engineer. Plans, drawings, and specifications of an architect or engineer must be stamped and sealed by the date of the initial bid advertisement. (Source: North Dakota Century Code sections 48-01.2-02, 48-01.2-02.1)

“Construction” means the process of building, altering, repairing, improving, or demolishing any public structure or building or other improvement to any public property. The term does not include the routine operation or maintenance of existing facilities, structures, buildings, or real property or demolition projects costing less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 48-01.2-01(4))

“Public Improvement” means any improvement undertaken by a governing body for the good of the public and which is paid for with any public funds, including public loans, bonds, leases, or alternative funding, and is constructed on public land or within an existing or new public building or any other public infrastructure or facility if the result of the improvement will be operated and maintained by the governing body. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 48-01.2-01(21))

1.0702 Procedure

If the estimated cost for the construction of a public improvement is in excess of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the governing body shall advertise for bids by publishing for three consecutive weeks. The first publication of the advertisement must be at least twenty-one days before the date of the opening of bids. The advertisement must be published in the official newspaper of the political subdivision in which the public improvement is or will be located, in a daily newspaper having a general circulation in the area where the project is located, and in a trade publication, electronic plan service, builders exchange, or other industry-recognized method of general circulation among the contractors, building manufacturers, and dealers in this state, except the advertisement for a public improvement financed by special assessments need be published only once each week for two weeks in the official newspaper with the first publication being at least fourteen days before the bid opening. (Source: North Dakota Century Code sections 48-01.2-01, 48-01.2-02.1, 48-01.2-04)

1.0703 Open Market Purchases - Emergency

When the City governing body declares an emergency situation exists, the governing body may contract for the construction of a public improvement without seeking bids. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 48-01.2-04)

“Emergency situation” means sudden generally unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action to protect public health, safety, or property and which ends when the immediate threat to public health, safety, or property ceases and services are restored. The term does not include a lack of planning on the part of the city council, architect, engineer, landscape architect, or contractor. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 48-01.2-01(13))

1.0704 Accounts Against City to be in Writing

Accounts, claims and demands against the City for any property or services for which the City shall be liable, shall be made in writing and shall include an itemized statement of the property or services provided.

1.0705 Further Verification May be Required

It is hereby provided that any officer of the City Council before whom any bill, claim, account or demand against the City shall come for audit and approval may require to be furnished a statement made under oath, containing such other information as is deemed necessary for the further verification of any bill, claim, account or demand against the City, or any of its undertakings.

1.0706 Conveyance, Sale, Lease or Disposal of Property

Real property belonging to the municipality shall be conveyed, sold, leased or disposed of, only as approved of by a majority vote of all members of the governing body. Personal property shall be conveyed by a majority vote of all members of the governing body. When the property to be disposed of, whether real property or personal property is estimated, by the governing body of the municipality to be of a value of less than \$2,500.00, such property may be sold at private sale upon the proper resolution of the governing body. In all other cases, such property may be sold only at public sale or as provided under section 40-11-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-11-04). Bids for the purchase or lease of real property belonging to the municipality, whether or not advertisement therefore has been made, shall be made directly to the governing body and submitted to the city auditor, who shall present any and all such bids to the governing body at its next regularly scheduled meeting. When specific statutory provisions contained in the North Dakota Century Code provide for a procedure which is in conflict with this section, governing the conveyance, sale, lease or disposal of real property, this section shall not apply insofar as it is in conflict with such state law. Said statutory procedures include the following:

5. That affiant has not received from any city officer, public officer or employee any special information or date relative to the proposed contract which is not or has not been available to any other person, nor has he received any special aid or assistance from any city officer, public officer or employee in preparing his proposal to the city.

Contractor

By: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

_____ County, State

My Commission Expires _____

ARTICLE 8 - Municipal Elections

1.0801 Qualified Electors in Municipal Elections - Restrictions

The provisions of section 40-21-01 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. Every resident of a municipality who is qualified to vote therein at general elections may vote at all municipal elections held therein. When elections are held by wards or precincts, no person may vote in any place other than the ward or precinct of which he is a resident.

1.0802 Elections in Council Cities - Polling Places - Polls Open - Notice

The provisions of section 40-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. Biennial municipal elections shall be held on the second Tuesday in June in each even numbered year at such place or places as the City Council shall designate. The polls shall be opened and closed as provided by state law for the opening and closing of polls at primary, general and special elections. Ten days notice of the time and place of holding each election and offices to be filled thereat shall be given by the city auditor by publication in the official newspaper of the City as provided by section 40-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code.

1.0803 Designation of Polling Places for Municipal Elections

The governing body of the City, at the time of calling any general or special municipal election, or prior to the time of registration for said election, if said registration is required by law, shall by resolution, designate such voting precincts and polling places for said election as it may deem necessary for the conduct of the same, and shall, in giving notice of said election, designate such voting precincts and polling places. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-21-03.1)

1.0804 Compensation of Inspectors, Judges and Clerks at Municipal Elections

The provisions of section 40-21-05 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. Each inspector, judge or clerk of any regular or special municipal election shall receive compensation as determined for election officials in Section 16.1-05-05. The amounts determined to be due election officials at municipal elections shall be paid from the funds of the municipality holding the election. In the event a special municipal election is held on the same date as a statewide, district wide or countywide election, and if the same election officials perform services for both elections, the City shall not be required to pay the elections officials, except for any extra officials necessary for such special municipal election.

1.0805 Reference to Party Ballot or Affiliation in Petition of Candidate for Municipal Office - Prohibited

The provisions of section 40-21-06 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. No reference shall be made to a party ballot or to the party affiliation of a candidate in a petition to be filed or in behalf of a candidate for nomination to a public office in any incorporated City in this state.

1.0806 Petition for Nomination of Elected Official in Municipalities - Signatures Required - Contents

The provisions of section 40-21-07 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. A candidate for any public office in the City may be nominated by filing with the city auditor, at least sixty-four days and before four p.m. on the sixtieth day prior to the holding of the election, a petition signed by not less than ten percent of the number of qualified electors who voted for that office in the last City election. Qualified electors who sign such a petition shall reside within the ward or precinct in and for which such officer is to be elected, if the election is by wards, or within the corporate limits of the City if the officer is elected at large. If a petition is mailed, it must be in the possession of the city auditor before four p.m. on the sixty-fourth day prior to the holding of the election. In no case shall more than three hundred signatures be required, and such signatures may be on separate sheets of paper. Each qualified elector who signs a petition shall add to the petition the petitioner's mailing address.

1.0807 Ballots in Municipalities - Makeup

The provision of section 40-21-08 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. The auditor of the City shall place only the names of the persons nominated upon the ballot. The auditor shall arrange the offices upon the ballot in the order in which they are named in the statutes. The auditor shall determine the arrangement of the names of the candidates upon the ballot by conducting a drawing immediately following the last day for the filing of the nomination papers. The city auditor shall set the date, time and location for conducting the drawing and shall give advance notice of the drawing to the candidates involved.

1.0808 Clerks Appointed to Fill Vacancies - Oath - Powers and Duties of Judges and Clerks of Municipal Elections

The provisions of section 40-21-11 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. When necessary, the judges of election at a municipal election shall appoint clerks to fill vacancies. The judges and clerks of a municipal election shall take the same oath and have the same powers and authority as judges and clerks of general state elections.

1.0809 Municipal Elections to be Governed by Rules Applicable to County Elections - Absent Voting

The provisions of section 40-21-13 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. The manner of conducting, voting at, keeping poll lists and canvassing votes at municipal elections, recounts and contests of the results of such elections shall be governed, as nearly as possible and except as otherwise provided in this chapter, by the laws of this state applicable to elections and contests in the case of county officers. Absent voters' ballots must be available in municipal elections in accordance with the provisions of chapter 16.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code as amended.

1.0810 City Auditor to Notify of Election or Appointments

The provisions of section 40-21-14 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. The city auditor, within five days after the result of an election is declared or the appointment of an officer is made within the municipality, shall notify each person elected or appointed to municipal office of his election or appointment. Within the same period of time, the city auditor shall also notify the state supreme court of the election or appointment of any municipal judge or alternate judge.

1.0811 New Election Upon Failure to Elect

The provisions of section 40-21-15 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. If there is a failure to elect an officer required to be elected, the governing body of the municipality may order a new election.

1.0812 Special Elections Conducted in Same Manner as General Elections

The provisions of Section 40-21-16 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. Special municipal election to fill vacancies or for any other purpose must be held and conducted by the inspectors and judges of election of several precincts in the same manner and the returns must be made in the same form and manner as at regular municipal elections.

1.0813 Highest Number of Votes Elects in Municipal Election - Procedure on Tie Vote

The provisions of Section 40-21-17 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance. The person having the highest number of votes for any municipal office shall be declared elected to such office. In case of a tie vote in the election of any municipal officer, a recount must be conducted pursuant to Section 16.1-16-01 of the North Dakota Century Code. If a recount results in a tie vote, the choice shall be determined by a drawing of names in the presence of the governing body of the municipality and in the manner it directs. A candidate involved in a tie vote may withdraw from consideration by signing a written statement to that effect in the presence of the filing officer of the election.

ARTICLE 9 - Records Management Policy

1.0901 Adoption of Policy

The management of records in the City shall meet with the provisions of the records retention schedules published by the Records Management Division of the North Dakota Information Technology Department, a copy of which is on file with the City auditor. The records retention schedules are hereby made a part of this chapter by reference with the exceptions of the sections hereinafter set forth affecting local conditions in the City, which are amended, deleted or added to, for use and application in the City, and the City hereby adopts said records retention schedules as so modified.

1.0902 Amendments, Deletions, Additions to City Records Management Manual

Sec. _____ shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. _____ shall be deleted.

Sec. _____ shall be added to said manual to read as follows:

