

Chapter 2.38

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

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2.38.010 Passage of Ordinance. Because of changes in the election laws of the State of Montana, the ordinances of the City of Harlowton do not contain provisions to take care of certain procedures not otherwise specified by state law, and because a city election must be held on the first Tuesday in April of this year and the time limitations imposed by state law require immediate passage of an ordinance providing for registration of electors, qualifications of electors and the method of nomination of candidates for city offices, it is necessary to pass such an ordinance immediately to preserve the public peace, health and safety.

2.38.020 Qualifications for City Elections. All persons who meet the following qualifications shall be entitled to vote in city elections:

- (a) He or she must be registered with the county registrar in the manner required by law for state elections within the time limits provided by this ordinance.
- (b) He or she must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- (c) He or she must be a resident of the city and of the ward in which he or she offers to vote for at least thirty (30) days.
- (d) He or she must be a citizen of the United States.
- (e) No person convicted of a felony has the right to vote while he is serving a sentence in a penal institution.
- (f) No person adjudicated to be of unsound mind has the right to vote unless he has been restored to capacity as provided by law.

2.38.030 Registration of Electors for City Elections.

- (1) All qualified persons shall be deemed registered voters for city elections if they have registered to vote with the county registrar in the manner provided by law for state elections within the time limits provided by this ordinance.

(2) Registration of electors for any city election shall be closed for forty (40) days before such election, except that registration shall close at noon the day before election for voters entitled under the provisions of Section 23-3724, R.C.M. 1947, to register at that time.

(3) The city clerk shall, at least sixty (60) days before any city election, publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the city specifying the day registrations will close and post a notice in each precinct in each ward in the city. The published notice must continue for a period of twenty (20) days.

(4) The notice shall state that electors may register for the ensuing city election by appearing before the county registrar or before any deputy county registrar as provided by law.

