

## Chapter 2.36

### NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

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2.36.010 Purpose and Application. It is the purpose of this ordinance to provide the rules and procedures governing the matter of nomination of candidates for elective office or the City of Harlowton, Wheatland County, Montana.

2.36.020 Certificates of Nomination. Harlowton, Montana being an incorporated city of less than 3,500 population, it is provided that candidates for municipal office may be nominated in the following manner:

(1) A Certificate of Nomination containing the name of the candidate for the office is to be filed with the city clerk with such information as is required in section 030, must be signed by the electors residing within the political subdivision in and for which the officer or officers are to be elected in the following required numbers:

The number of signatures must not be less in number than five percent of the number of votes cast for the successful candidates for the same office at the next preceding election; but the signatures need not be appended to one paper.

(2) Each elector signing the certificate, shall add to his signature his place of residence and his business address. Any such certificate may be filed as provided for in the next preceding section of this ordinance.



2.36.030 Certificate, Where Filed, Contents.

(1) Certificates of Nomination for municipal officers must be filed with the city clerk not more than forty-five (45) days and not less than thirty (30) days previous to the day of election.

(2) Certificates of Nomination, which must be in writing, must contain the name of the person nominated, his residence, his occupation, his business address, and the office for which he is named.

2.36.040 Certificates not to Contain Certain Things.

No Certificate of Nomination must contain the name of more than one candidate for each office to be filled. No person must join in nominating more than one person for each office to be filled, and no person must accept the nomination to more than one office.

2.36.050 Certificates to be Preserved One Year.

The city clerk must cause to be preserved in his office for one year all Certificates of Nomination filed under the provisions of this ordinance. All such Certificates must be open to public inspection under proper regulations made by the city clerk with whom the same are filed.

2.36.060 Nominees to Pay Prescribed Filing Fee.

All candidates nominated under the provisions of this ordinance shall upon filing a Certificate of Nomination, pay to the city clerk with whom the Certificates of Nomination are required to be filed the fees provided for by section 070 and such filing fee shall be paid by every person whose name appears upon the ballot in any general election, provided, however, that only one filing fee shall be required from any candidate.

2.36.070 Filing Fees.

The fees required to be paid for filing such Certificates of Nomination shall be for any office, \$5.00.



2.36.080 Vacancies may be Filled by Further Certificates. When a vacancy occurs in an office of candidate before the printing of the ballot for the general election, or if a candidate declines the nomination as provided in this chapter, or if any Certificate of Nomination is or becomes insufficient or inoperative from any cause, the vacancy or vacancies thus occasioned may be filled in the manner required for original nomination.

2.36.090 Declining Nominations. Any person declining nomination in a municipal election shall make such declination at least five days before an election.

2.36.100 Errors, How Corrected. Whenever it appears by affidavit that an error or omission has occurred in the publication of the name or description of a candidate nominated for office, or in the printing of the ballot, the district court of the county, may upon application of any elector, order and require the city clerk to correct such error or to show cause why such error should not be corrected.

2.36.110 Unlawful Interference. No person shall by bribery or other improper means or device directly or indirectly attempt to influence any elector in the casting of any ballot nor deter him in the deposit of his ballot or interfere or hinder any voter in the full and free exercise of his right of suffrage.

