

ORDINANCE 2968

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OCCGF TITLE 2 CHAPTER 50 SECTION 040
PERTAINING TO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS**

WHEREAS, Montana State law pertaining to write-in candidates has changed eliminating the requirement for a write-in candidate to file a declaration for office; and

WHEREAS, this statute change has resulted in the Cascade County Election Office being unable to verify write-in candidates for neighborhood councils; and

WHEREAS, the Cascade County Election Department requested the City Commission require neighborhood council candidates meet the same qualifications as candidates for mayor and city commission which means being a qualified elector. This requirement will provide the Election Administrator the tool necessary to authenticate neighborhood council write-in candidates.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:

Section 1. That OCCGF Title 2, Chapter 50, Section 040 is amended as depicted in Exhibit A wherein all language with a bold-face font will be added and all language with a strikeout is removed.

PASSED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, this 20th day of March, 2007.

Dona R. Stebbins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Peggy J. Bourne, City Clerk

(SEAL OF THE CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

David V. Gliko, City Attorney
State of Montana)

County of Cascade : ss
City of Great Falls)

I, Peggy J. Bourne, City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance 2968 was placed on its final passage and passed by the Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, at a meeting thereof held on the 20th day of March, 2007, and approved by the Mayor of said City on the 20th day of March, 2007.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said City this 20th day of March, 2007.

Peggy J. Bourne, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

State of Montana)
County of Cascade : ss
City of Great Falls)

Peggy J. Bourne, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That on the 20th day of March, 2007, and prior thereto, she was the City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana; that as said City Clerk she did post as required by law and as prescribed and directed by the Commission, Ordinance 2968 of the City of Great Falls, in three conspicuous places within the limits of said City to-wit:

On the Bulletin Board, first floor, Civic Center Building;
On the Bulletin Board, first floor, Cascade County Court House;
On the Bulletin Board, Great Falls Public Library

Peggy J. Bourne, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

EXHIBIT A ORDINANCE 2968
Chapter 50
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

2.50.040 Council Elections

- A. Each neighborhood district shall have a council comprised of five (5) resident members; who must live within their designated neighborhood council district for which they were elected, as defined in M.C.A. 1-1-251, for their term of office; such members shall be elected to two (2) year terms at the election held in conjunction with the City general election.
- B. Nominees for election to a neighborhood council must **be qualified electors and** be residents of their designated neighborhood district.
- C. ~~The filing period for neighborhood councils shall open the same date as the filing period for mayoral and commission candidates.~~ The filing period for neighborhood council candidates shall **open 135 days and** close 45 days prior to the general election. Neighborhood council candidates are not subject to primary elections.