

Introduced by Buffaloe
 First Reading 1-16-24 Second Reading 1-16-24
 Ordinance No. 025561 Council Bill No. B 1-24

AN ORDINANCE

calling a special election to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, to consider the recall of the Council Member for Ward 1; directing notification of the election authority; describing the form of notice of election; declaring an emergency to authorize enactment of the bill on the same day as introduction; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, a special election is hereby ordered to be held in Ward 1 of the City of Columbia, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, for the voters of such ward to vote on the following question:

Shall Ward 1 Council Member Nick Knoth be removed from office?

SECTION 2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Clerk of the County Commission of Boone County, Missouri, of the adoption of this ordinance no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 23, 2024, and to include in the notification all of the terms and provisions required by Chapter 115, RSMo. as amended.

SECTION 3. The form of the Notice of Election shall be substantially in the same form as set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto.

SECTION 4. The election shall be held and conducted, and the results thereof canvassed and returned, in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri.


SECTION 5. It is hereby found and declared that an emergency exists as provided for in Section 15 of the City Charter for the City of Columbia, Missouri in that Section 137 of the Charter provides that when a sufficient recall petition has been filed the Council shall call an election on the recall at the next election provided for by state law and that the next available election for municipal election purposes is April 2, 2024, and that the election authority under the time of notice provisions set forth in Section 115.125 RSMo. must be notified not later than 5:00 p.m. on January 23, 2024 of an election to be held on April 2, 2024. It is hereby further found and declared that calling an election is an authorized

emergency measure as provided for in Section 156 of the City Charter of the City of Columbia, Missouri in that passage of the bill on the same date as introduction is necessary in order to meet the required notification deadlines established by state law for such election.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this 16th day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:




City Clerk



Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Counselor