

CHAPTER 14- ELECTIONS

Sec. 14-1. - Compliance with state law.

All elections and challenges thereto shall be in compliance with the Georgia Election Code (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-1 et seq.).

Sec. 14-2. - General elections.

In accordance with section 2.02 of the Charter, general municipal elections shall be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November.

State law reference— Time of municipal elections, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-9.

Sec. 14-3. - Special elections.

Special elections shall be held as needed and conducted in accordance with Charter, section 2.03 and the Georgia Election Code (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-1 et seq.).

Sec. 14-4. - Superintendents.

The city council shall point the municipal superintendent in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-70.1. The council shall provide for the Superintendent in accordance with and for the purposes set forth in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-71.

Sec. 14-5. - Conducting elections.

The city shall coordinate all elections with the county board of elections and registration. The city may contract or otherwise decide by agreement with the county board of elections and registration for that board to coordinate and conduct all elections in the city.

State law reference— Authority of municipalities and counties to coordinate elections, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-45.

Sec. 14-6. - Candidate requirements.

- (a) *Residency.* In accordance with section 2.11 of the Charter, candidates for mayor and city council must have been a resident of the city for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of election. Councilmembers must continually reside in said city during that person's period of service. The mayor must continually reside in the city during the period of service.
- (b) *Age.* All candidates for elected municipal office must be at least 18 years of age at the time of qualification.
- (c) *Registration.* All candidates for elected municipal office shall be registered to vote in the city at the time of qualification.

State law reference— Authority for local ordinance reducing age of eligibility for public office, O.C.G.A. § 45-2-1.