

ORDINANCE NO. 14,835

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, by adding and enacting a new Section 2-5 thereof, relating to runoff elections.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, is hereby amended by adding and enacting a new Section 2-5 relating to runoff elections, as follows:

Sec. 2-5. Runoff Elections.

(a) A runoff election, as provided in I.C. §376.9, shall be held in lieu of a primary election for the choosing of persons for elective offices.

(b) A runoff election shall be held only for positions unfilled because of failure of a sufficient number of candidates to receive a majority vote in the regular city election.

(c) Candidates who do not receive a majority of the votes cast for an office, but who receive the highest number of votes cast for that office in the regular city election, to the extent of twice the number of unfilled positions, are candidates in the runoff election.

(d) Runoff elections shall be held four weeks after the date of the regular city election and shall be conducted in the same manner as regular city elections.

(e) Candidates in the runoff election who receive the highest number of votes cast for each office on the ballot are elected to the extent necessary to fill the positions open.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect

from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Sec. 3. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify and file with the Polk County Auditor, as Commissioner of Elections, the use of runoff elections by the City of Des Moines with a certified copy of this ordinance attached.

FORM APPROVED:

Lawrence R. McDowell, Deputy City Attorney

T. M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor

Attest:

I, Diane Rauh, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance (Roll Call No. 09-319), passed by the City Council of said City at a meeting held February 23, 2009 signed by the Mayor on February 23, 2009 and published as provided by law in the Business Record on March 9, 2009. Authorized by Publication Order No. 6393.

Diane Rauh, City Clerk