C H A R T E R   O R D I N A N C E

A Charter Ordinance to create section 2.100 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code, to authorize primary elections whenever three or more candidates file nomination papers for an elective city office.

Whereas, the City of Manitowoc has traditionally held primary elections whenever three or more candidates file nomination papers for an elective city office; and

Whereas, Wis. Stat. §8.11(1)(b) permits the Common Council may avoid the need to annually determine to hold a primary by enacting a charter ordinance providing for a primary whenever three (3) or more candidates file nomination papers for a city office.

<u>**Section 1.**</u> Section 2.100 is created to read as follows:

"2.100 Spring Primary

Whenever three or more candidates file nomination papers for an elective city office, a primary election shall be held for the nomination of candidates for such office."

<u>**Section 2.**</u> REPEALER CLAUSE. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

<u>**Section 3.**</u> This ordinance shall take effect 60 days after its passage and publication unless, within such 60 days, a referendum petition shall be filed as provided by Wis. Stat. 66.0101, in which event the ordinance codified in this section shall not take effect until submitted to a referendum and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Introduced _____   Adopted_____

_____ Approved_____
Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated no greater than $300 in expenses relating to ordinance publishing/noticing and municipal code updating. No additional tax levy or 2026 budget amendments needed.

Funding Source: General Fund (1100-13100-532100)
Finance Director Approval: /SMA
Approved as to form: /EGN

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