

Ordinance No. 7-09

To amend Chapter 2, Article I, of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Administration.

The Common Council of the City of Racine do ordain as follows:

Part 1:

Chapter 2, Article I, of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine is hereby amended by creating the following sections:

“Sec. 2-1. Common Council to Fill Mayoral Vacancy.

Vacancies in the Office of the Mayor shall be filled on an interim basis by appointment of the common council, pursuant to section 2-2, pending a special election ordered by the common council. The person so appointed shall be styled “Mayor” and shall serve as mayor on a full-time basis. The person so appointed shall serve until a successor is elected, qualified to fill the unexpired term, and takes the oath of office at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the common council following the special election.

Sec. 2-2. Procedure for Filling Vacancy.

(1) Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the Office of the Mayor, the president of the common council shall serve as Acting Mayor until a mayor is appointed on an interim basis pending a special election.

(2) A vacancy in the Office of Mayor, pending special election, shall be filled on an interim basis by the common council pursuant to the following order of succession:

(a) The president of the common council, the chairman of the finance and personnel committee, the chairman of the public works and services committee, and the chairman of the public safety and license committee.

(b) If all the persons named in subsection (a) decline to serve as mayor pending special election, the common council shall fill the vacancy on an interim basis pursuant to the following process:

(i) The common council shall designate a date and time by which applicants to fill the vacancy shall submit a letter of interest and resume to the city clerk. The common council may specify the format and information to be contained in the letter of interest.

(ii) The committee of the whole shall meet at such reasonable time as is directed to review the applications and to make a recommendation to the common council.

(iii) The common council shall review the recommendation of the committee of the whole and shall appoint a mayor on an interim basis by majority vote. The person so appointed shall take the oath of office as soon as is practicable and shall then immediately begin serving as mayor.”

Part 2:

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed by the Common Council:

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Fiscal Note: N/A