ORDINANCE NO. 2277

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DARDENNE PRAIRIE, MISSOURI, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 105 PERTAINING TO THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, enacted Chapter 105 of the Municipal Code of the City of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, to regulate City elections; and

WHEREAS, under Chapter 105 of the Municipal Code, the City recognizes that all City elections shall be conducted and held in conformance with the provisions of Chapter 115, RSMo.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds and determines that amending certain provisions of Chapter 105 of the Municipal Code is necessary to remain in conformance with the provisions of Chapter 115, RSMo.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF DARDENNE PRAIRIE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Section 105.020 of the Municipal Code of the City of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, be and hereby is amended by deleting Section 105.020 in its entirety and enacting, in lieu thereof, a new Section 105.020 to read, as follows:

Section 105.020. DATE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

A municipal election for the election of various elective officers by qualified voters of the City shall be held on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in April of each year, or as may otherwise be required by law.

SECTION 2. That Section 105.030 of the Municipal Code of the City of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, be and hereby is amended by deleting Section 105.030 in its entirety and enacting, in lieu thereof, a new Section 105.030 to read, as follows:

Section 105.030. DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY — DATES FOR FILING.

Any person who desires to become a candidate for an elective City office at the general municipal election shall file with the City Clerk a written declaration of his/her intent to become a candidate for that office at said election. The opening date for filing a declaration of candidacy and the closing date for filing a declaration of candidacy shall be in accordance with Section 115.127, RSMo., as amended. The City Clerk shall keep a permanent record of the names of the candidates, the offices

for which they seek election, and the date of their filing, and their names shall appear on the ballots in that order.

SECTION 3. That Section 105.035 of the Municipal Code of the City of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, be and hereby is amended by deleting Section 105.035 in its entirety and enacting, in lieu thereof, a new Section 105.035 to read, as follows:

Section 105.035. CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE — NO ARREARAGE FOR MUNICIPAL TAXES OR USER FEES PERMITTED.

No person shall qualify as a candidate for elective municipal office unless such person complies with the requirements set forth under Section 115.306, RSMo., as amended, regarding delinquency in the payment of certain taxes.

SECTION 4. That Section 105.040 of the Municipal Code of the City of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, be and hereby is amended by deleting Section 105.040 in its entirety and enacting, in lieu thereof, a new Section 105.040 to read, as follows:

Section 105.040. DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY — NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

The City Clerk shall, in accordance with Section 115.127, RSMo., as amended, notify the general public of the opening filing date, the office or offices to be filled, the proper place for filing, and the closing filing date of the election. Such notification may be accomplished by legal notice published in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the City.

SECTION 5. <u>Savings Clause</u>: Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing contained in this Ordinance shall in any manner be deemed or construed to alter, modify, supersede, supplant or otherwise nullify any other Ordinance of the City or the requirements thereof whether or not relating to or in any manner connected with the subject matter hereof.

SECTION 6. Severability Clause: If any term, condition, or provision of this Ordinance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder hereof shall be valid in all other respects and continue to be effective and each and every remaining provision hereof shall be valid and shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law, it being the intent of the Board of Aldermen that it would have enacted this Ordinance without the invalid or unenforceable provisions. In the event of a subsequent change in applicable law so that the provision which had been held invalid is no longer invalid, said provision shall thereupon return to full force and effect without further action by the City and shall thereafter be binding.

SECTION 7. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be in full force and take effect from and after its final passage and approval.

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Read two (2) times, passed, and approved this the day of December, 2023.

As Presiding Officer and as Mayor

Approved this the day of December, 2023.

Attest: <u>Lin Clark</u>
City Clerk