

**A SPECIAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION WITHIN THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI, FIXING THE POLLING PLACE, APPOINTING JUDGES OF SAID ELECTION, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS INCIDENTAL TO SAID ELECTION**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The annual general municipal election is hereby called within the first Tuesday following the first Monday in April, **April 7, 2026** (Section 115- 121.3). A primary election, if required is hereby to be held on **February 3, 2026**, all in accordance with Section 115.123 RSMo., as amended.

**Section 2.** Any person desiring to become a candidate for the City Council shall file with the City Clerk by **Tuesday, October 28, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.**, a Statement of Candidacy in the form to be provided by the City Clerk, to permit statutory notice of the County Clerk under Section 115.125 RSMo., 1994, as amended, all in conformity with Section 115.127.5 RSMo., as amended. Filing will open at **8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2025**, in conformity with Section 115.127.5 RSMo., as amended. Immediately after the expiration of the time for filing said Statement of Candidacy and in no event later than eight weeks prior to the primary election, the City Clerk shall cause to be published in proper form for three successive days in a daily newspaper of the City, the names of the candidates to appear upon the primary ballot and the Clerk shall thereupon cause the primary ballots to be printed and arrange the candidates' names thereon in the order filed.

**Section 3.** In the event no more than four candidates file for the two available offices, a primary election will not be required. Within forty-eight hours after the expiration of the time for filing the Statements of Candidacy, the City Clerk shall canvass the statements and if the number does not exceed four persons for the two available offices, then the applicable primary election or elections shall not be held and the names of the person filing statements shall be printed upon the sample ballot to be provided to the County Clerk eight weeks prior to the general election in accordance with Chapter 115, RSMo., as amended, providing, however, that the names of such person appearing on said ballots will appear thereon in the order in which they are filed with the City Clerk.

**Section 4.** The sample form of ballot for the general election provided to the County Clerk will be in the general form described in paragraph 2 of Section 78.480, RSMo., as amended and will comply with the requirement of Section 115.237, RSMo., as amended.

**Section 5.** In the event a primary election is held, at the first Council Meeting following the primary election, the City Council will canvass the abstract of the election and make and publish the same by resolution.

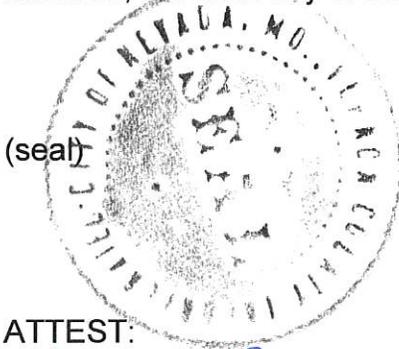
**Section 6.** If the County Clerk is the election authority, upon this receipt of the estimate of election costs from the County Clerk three weeks prior to the general election, the City is hereby authorized and directed to remit to the County Clerk the precise amount of the estimate of costs and upon completion of the election, is authorized and directed to remit to the County Clerk the precise amount of the remaining costs.

**Section 7.** The County Clerk of Vernon County, Missouri, in accordance with Chapter 115, RSMo., as amended, with his committee of four judges is required under said statute to canvass the election results and to refer to the City Clerk the abstract of election for further action by the City Council.

**Section 8.** The City Council will certify the results of the election by resolution upon receipt of the general election abstract from the County Clerk.

**Section 9.** The City Council will provide by way of information the following notice of election for publication by the County Clerk for the general election, which publication will be made as required by Section 115.127.2 RSMo., as amended, in two newspapers of different political faith qualified under Chapter 493. RSMo., as amended, published by the City. Notice shall be published twice, the first publication occurring in the second week prior to the election, the second within one week prior to the election. The form of said notice is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED,** by the City Council of the City of Nevada, Missouri, this 18th day of September 2025.



CAROL BRANHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CYNTHIA DYE, CITY CLERK

**AGENDA ITEM**  
September 2, 2025

**Subject:** Calling General Municipal Election and Primary if needed

**Department:** City Clerk

This ordinance provides for the holding of the April 7, 2026, General Election and for a primary election, if required, on February 3, 2026.

There are two (2) City Council seats to be filed in this election. Filing begins on October 7, 2025, at 8 a.m. and closes on October 28, 2025 at 5 p.m.

**NOTICE OF A GENERAL CITY ELECTION-2026**

Public Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Nevada, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, for the purpose of filling two (2) City Council seats.

The said election will be held at the following polling places in said City:

(To be entered by the election authority)

The polls at said election will be kept open between the hours of six o'clock a.m. and seven o'clock p.m. on the date of the election.

The form of the ballot at the said election will be as follows:

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

Candidates for City Council for the City of Nevada, Missouri, at the General Election will be as follows:

FOR COUNCILPERSON  
Three-year Term

Vote for two (2)

- Carol Branham
- Sim Miller
- Jayne Novak

Filed  
OCT 13 2025  
M. Adrienne Lee  
Vernon County Clerk

All people residing in the City of Nevada, Missouri, who are legal voters therein are entitled to vote at said election.

Given under my hand and seal of said County this 13 day of October, 2025.



*Adrienne Lee*  
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County Clerk of Vernon County, Missouri

Publish in the Nevada Daily Mail, Feb. 11 & Feb 18, 2026

JUDGES INITIALS

OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT  
VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI  
2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
APRIL 7, 2026

BT: 0108

Centennial Hall Ward 6, YMCA Ward 8, First Baptist Ward 7

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER**

To vote, darken the oval next to your choice(s), like this ( ● ). Use black or blue ink pen or marking device provided.

**CANDIDATES:**  
Darken the oval next to the name of the Candidate for whom you wish to vote.

**WRITE-IN:**  
To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided for such purposes and darken the oval next to the space provided.

**PROPOSITIONS or QUESTIONS:**  
If you are in FAVOR of the proposition or question, darken the oval next to the word YES. If you are OPPOSED to the proposition or question, darken the oval next to the word NO.

**TAX QUESTION**

Shall the County of Vernon exempt eligible taxpayers from certain tax increases on eligible taxpayers' primary residence above the liability incurred during the initial credit year?

YES

NO

**HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

Shall there be organized in the County of Vernon, State of Missouri, a hospital district for the establishment and operation of a hospital to be located at 800 S. Ash Street, Nevada, Missouri 64772 in Vernon County, Missouri, having the power to impose a property tax not to exceed the annual rate of one hundred cents on the hundred dollars assessed valuation without voter approval, and such additional tax as may be approved hereafter by vote thereon to be known as "Vernon County Hospital District."

YES

NO

**CITY OF NEVADA  
COUNCILPERSON  
2 YEAR TERM  
Vote for One**

GEORGE C. KNOX

KENDALL L. STROER

AMBER BARKER

JAMES TUMM

BRIAN L. LEONARD

Write-in

**CITY OF NEVADA  
COUNCILPERSON  
3 YEAR TERM  
Vote for Two**

CAROL BRANHAM

SIM MILLER

JAYNE NOVAK

**VERNON COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT 4  
BOARD MEMBER  
3 YEAR TERM  
Vote for One**

JAMES TUMM

TERESA REED

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2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
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BT: 0109

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3, First Baptist Ward 1, United Methodist Nevada**

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