

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY OCCASIONED BY RESIGNATION OF A COUNCIL MEMBER WITHIN THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI, 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 council finds that a vacancy on the City Council has occurred by reason of the resignation of councilman Luke Guenther. Section 3.6(a) of the code of the City of Nevada hereafter is called City Code and that the unexpired term exceeds one year and in such case the council is obligated by Section 3.6(c) to make arrangements for a special election to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

Section 2. To conserve expense said special election is hereby called with the city's general municipal election to be held on **Tuesday, April 7, 2026.**

Section 3. The unexpired term to be filled expires in **2028.**

Section 4. Any person desiring to become a candidate for the vacancy shall file with the City Clerk a statement of candidacy in the form to be provided by the City Clerk to permit statutory notice of the County Clerk all in conformity with Section 115.127.5 as amended. Filing will open at **8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025** and will close at **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2025.**

Section 5. The names of the eligible persons filing statements of candidacy shall be printed on the sample ballot to be provided to the County Clerk 8 weeks prior to the general election in accordance with Chapter 115, RSMo,. The names of such persons appearing on said ballot to fill the vacancy will appear in the order in which they are filed with the City Clerk. The sample form of ballot will be the general form described in paragraph 2 of Section 78.480 RSMo or as otherwise required by the election authority.

Section 6. The City will submit election costs to the County Clerk promptly when billed.

Section 7. The County Clerk in accordance with Chapter 115. RSMo, as amended with her community of judges will canvass the election results and 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 Clerk will provide by way of information, 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.

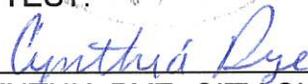
Section 10. The City Council hereby finds and declares that an emergency exists affecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City due to the resignation of a member of the City Council and the imminent opening of the election filing period. Immediate action is necessary to ensure the timely and orderly conduct of the election process and the continued functioning of the City's governing body. Therefore, this Ordinance is declared an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Nevada, Missouri, this 4th day of December 2025.




CAROL BRANHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST:


CYNTHIA DYE, CITY CLERK

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 one (1) City Council seat.

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
Two-year Term**

Vote for one (1)

- George C. Knox
- Kendall L. Stroer
- Amber Barker
- James Tumm
- Brian L. Leonard

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JAN 20 2026

**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 20 day of January, 2026.



Adrienne Lee

Adrienne Lee
County Clerk of Vernon County, Missouri

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JUDGE'S 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 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. STRÖER
- 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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