**VACANCIES**

**(Currently**: Part VI, “Registrations and Elections”, Article 1, “Elections”, Sec. 7, “Filling vacancies in the office of City Commissioner”: if a vacancy arises in City Commission, City Commission must appoint a person who would otherwise be qualified as a candidate, within sixty (60) days of the vacancy. Such person shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term, until a biennial election occurs, then the vacancy must be filled by election.)

* **Proposed Change**: If there is a City Commissioner vacancy **within** one (1) year from the date of the last election, the vacant position will be offered to the next candidate who was not elected, who received the next highest number of votes at the last election. If that person declines or is unable to serve, the City Commission shall appoint a qualified resident (who would otherwise qualify as a candidate) to fill the remainder of the term, with the appointment to occur within thirty (30) days of the vacancy; if the Commission does not appoint within thirty (30) days, a special election will be held, within sixty (60) days.
* If there is a City Commissioner vacancy **after** one (1) year from the date of the last election, the City Commission shall appoint a qualified resident to fill the remainder of the term within thirty (30) days; if the Commission does not appoint within thirty (30) days, a special election will be held thereafter within sixty (60) days.
* If there is a City Commissioner vacancy which occurs within six (6) months before the next election, the City Commission shall appoint a qualified resident to fill the remainder of the term within thirty (30) days; if the City Commission does not appoint within thirty (30) days, the Commission shall draw by lottery a name from a qualified “pool” of candidates (each Commissioner will select the name of one candidate, and a name will be drawn from that pool by the City Clerk).