

CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS
CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 9

**A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS, FROM A PORTION OF K.S.A. 15-209,
RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF CERTAIN APPOINTED PERSONNEL.**

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 15-209 requires that persons appointed to the office of City Clerk in a city of the Third Class must be qualified electors (residents) of the City, and requires the City Attorney to be a qualified elector of the county in which the city is located or an adjoining county; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 15-209 applies to this city, but is part of an enactment which does not apply uniformly to all cities in the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The City of Highland, Kansas, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution, hereby elects to and does exempt itself from, and make inapplicable to it, a portion of K.S.A. 15-209, requiring the appointment of electors of the City to the office of City Clerk and City Attorney, and provide substitute and or additional provisions on the same subject.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS:

Section 1. All appointed officers of the City of Highland, Kansas shall be qualified electors of said city, except for the City Clerk and City Attorney, provided that such persons shall be residents of the State of Kansas.

Section 2. This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

Section 3. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after the final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed, requiring a referendum to be held on the ordinance as provided by Article 12, Section 5, Subsection (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this Charter Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members elect voting in favor thereof, this 12th day of November, 2025.

Charles N. Batchelder, Mayor

Attest:

Joann Karn, City Clerk
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