

HOME RULE CHARTER

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS

Section 5.01 – City Elections.

1. **Regular Elections.** The regular city election shall be held at the time established by state law or as established by the City Commission.
2. **Registered Voter Defined.** All citizens legally registered under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Dakota to vote in the City shall be registered voters of the City within the meaning of this Charter.
3. **Conduct of Elections.** The provisions of the general election laws of the State of South Dakota shall apply to elections held under this Charter or as set forth in any ordinance adopted by the City Commission. All elections provided for by this Charter shall be conducted by the election authorities established by law. Candidates shall run for office without party designation. All elections shall be conducted under the supervision of the Finance Officer (Election Official) and shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of State and Federal Laws and by Administrative Rules set by the Board of Elections.

Section 5.02 – Initiative and Referendum. The powers of initiative and referendum are hereby reserved to the electors of the City. The provisions of the election law of the State of South Dakota, as they currently exist, shall govern the exercise of the powers of initiative and referendum under this Charter. Furthermore the City Commission may at its discretion, upon a two-thirds majority vote of its members, place upon the ballot issues it deems of sufficient significance to warrant consideration by the electors.