

Frequently Asked Questions

How are vacancies for Council Seats filled?

According to section 2.5 of the City Charter Council appoints the new member who serves until the next regular election.

How long will the appointed Zone 4 member serve?

The successful appointee to fill the Zone 4 seat vacancy will serve until the April 2, 2019 election. (The next general election date)

City of Springfield City Charter, [Section 2.5. - Vacancies.](#)

Vacancies in the office of Councilmembers shall be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Council for a period running to the next regular city election, at which time a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term.

What are the qualifications to serve on City Council?

The qualifications for City Council Members are outlined in Section 2.2 of the City Charter and Section 115.306 RSMo of State Law.

City of Springfield City Charter, [Section 2.2. - Qualifications.](#)

A councilmember hereafter elected or appointed shall be a qualified voter of the city and shall have been a resident thereof for at least two years immediately prior to his or her election or appointment. The four zone councilmembers hereafter elected or appointed shall be residents and qualified and registered voters of the respective zones provided for in Section 1.4. Each zone councilmember hereafter elected or appointed shall have been a resident of his or her zone for at least one year immediately prior to his or her election or appointment. No councilmember shall be a candidate or nominee for or hold any other lucrative public office or hold a lucrative position in the city government during his or her term as councilmember, except the following persons shall not be disqualified: A member of the National Guard or Naval or Military Reserve or Notary Public. A city councilmember should not be employed by the City of Springfield or any of its departments, boards, or agencies for a period of one (1) year after leaving the position of councilmember. If a councilmember shall cease to possess the above qualifications or shall be convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, his or her office shall immediately become vacant.

See also, Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo), [Chapter 115.306.](#)

When will applications be taken?

Applications will be taken in the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours from Monday, February 5, 2018 until Friday, February 16, 2018

How do I apply?

Interested citizens may fill out the attached application and return it along with a copy of their filed Missouri Department of Revenue [Form 5120](#) to the City Clerk's Office no later than February 16, 2018.

How much do Council Members get paid?

City Council members are volunteers and do not receive a salary.

City of Springfield City Charter, [Section 2.3. - Salary.](#)

- (1) The councilmembers shall receive no salary, but they, including the mayor, shall be reimbursed for any necessary specific expenses incurred in connection with their duties as provided by ordinance or resolution of the Council prior to incurring such expenses.
- (2) The mayor shall receive a salary of \$200.00 per month, provided, however, the council may provide a fund for incidental expenses incurred in the performance of his duties not to exceed \$100.00 per month, for which no accounting shall be required.