

## CHAPTER 5. MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ABSENTEE CANVASSERS

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**5.01. Purpose.** The City Council, in lieu of canvassing absentee ballots at polling places, hereby provides for the canvassing of absentee ballots by the Board of Absentee Ballot Canvassers, which shall canvass all absentee ballots at elections held in the City, designated by the City Clerk and approved by the City Council, pursuant to procedures established by the state governing elections.

**5.02. Membership and Organization.** The Board of Absentee Canvassers shall be composed of the City Clerk or a qualified elector of the City designated by the City Clerk, and two other qualified electors of the City appointed by the City Clerk, for a term of two years commencing on January 1 of each odd-numbered year. The initial terms of appointment shall expire on January 1, 2021, unless reappointed. All appointments shall comply with Wis. Stats. 7.52 and 7.53.

- a) The Board of Absentee Ballot Canvassers shall operate pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stats. 7.52 and 7.53, as applicable.
- b) Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 7.52(1)(b), the City Clerk may appoint additional inspectors to assist the Absentee Ballot Board of Canvassers in canvassing absentee ballots under this section.

**5.03. Meetings and Public Notice.** The City Clerk, no later than the closing hour of the polls, shall post at the City Clerk's office and on the City of Ashland website, and shall make available to any person upon request, a statement of the number of absentee ballots that the City Clerk has mailed or transmitted to electors and that have been returned by the closing hour on Election Day.

**5.04. Quorum.** A quorum shall be the full Board.

**5.05. Reports and Record Keeping.** All Board minutes and records shall be filed with the City Clerk.

**5.06. Miscellaneous Provisions.** If any section, clause, provision or portion of this ordinance is judged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in force and not be affected by such judgement. All resolutions, ordinances, orders or parts thereof in conflict in whole or in part with any of the provisions of this ordinances are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

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