

CHAPTER 2

CITY COUNCIL

ARTICLE I – COMPOSITION AND MEETINGS

2-1-1 **COUNCIL.** The City Council shall consist of the Mayor and **sixteen (16) Aldermen. Two (2) Aldermen** are to be elected from each ward. In case any vacancy shall occur in the office of Alderman by death, resignation, removal or any other cause, such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Statutes in effect at that time. (See 65 ILCS Secs. 5/3.1-10 -5 (Old) and 5/3.1-20-10) (Ord. No. 6451; 08-19-02)

2-1-2 **COMPENSATION.** Alderman shall receive the compensation for attending council meetings as listed below which shall take effect on the effective date listed below:

| Effective Date | 05/01/09    | 05/01/10    | 05/01/11    | 05/01/12    |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Aldermen       | \$10,000.00 | \$10,350.00 | \$10,712.00 | \$11,086.00 |

All Aldermen are allowed to miss **two (2) meetings** each year. An Alderman may miss more than **two (2) meetings** per year and shall receive payment at a set rate if such Alderman can show due cause for such additional absence such as illness of the Alderman, serious illness of any member of the Alderman's immediate family, a death in the Alderman's immediate family or other like causes. The compensation shall take effect on May 1, 2009 for those alderman elected at the consolidated election in April 2009. Those Alderman elected at the consolidated election in April 2011 shall not receive pay raise on the schedule until May 1, 2011. Any absence in excess of those permitted herein shall result in the reduction in pay at the rate of **one-twenty-fourth (1/24)** of the annual salary per meeting missed. (Ord. No. 7055; 11-19-07)

2-1-3 **REGULAR MEETINGS.** The regular stated meetings of the City Council shall be held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building, on the **first (1st) and third (3rd) Mondays** in each month, at **seven o'clock (7:00) P.M.** In addition to the aforesaid regular stated meetings, the City Council shall meet on **two (2)** additional dates for the express purpose of discussing and adopting the annual city budget and tax levy ordinances.

The just stated **two (2) meetings** shall be called according to law. When any of the aforesaid meeting dates fall upon a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the Tuesday following at the same hour and place. Whenever it is deemed necessary by a majority vote of the Council, the hour of a regularly scheduled meeting may be changed to a different hour on the same date. Adjourned meetings may be held at such times as may be determined by the City Council. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-25)

The City Council may also be convened on **two (2)** additional dates, for Special Meetings, with no additional compensation for Aldermen, upon the giving of proper notice in accordance to **Section 2-1-4** of this Chapter. (Ord. No. 5207; 01-17-94)

**2-1-4**        **SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the City Council may be called by the Mayor or any **three (3) Aldermen**, by giving at least **twenty-four (24) hours** notice thereof, by delivering to them personally, or by leaving written or printed notices of the time of such meeting at the residences of the Aldermen. Such notices shall be served by the Chief of Police. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-25 and 5 ILCS Secs. 120/2.02 and 120/2.03)**

**2-1-5**        **STANDING COMMITTEES.**

(A)            The following standing committees shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to the advice and consent of the City Council, at the first meeting of the City Council occurring after their annual election for Alderman, in each year, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient.

- (1) Finance.
- (2) Police and Fire.
- (3) Master Sewer.
- (4) Streets & Grades.
- (5) Traffic.
- (6) Public Health and Housing.
- (7) Personnel.
- (8) Economic Development and Annexation.
- (9) Ordinance and Legal Review.

(B)            The above standing committees shall consist of the following members: Economic Development and Annexation Committee, Finance, Police and Fire, Master Sewer and Streets and Grades - **eight (8) Aldermen**, all other standing committees shall consist of **five (5) Aldermen**, except the Public Health and Housing Committee. The Public Health and Housing Committee shall consist of **five (5) Aldermen**, **one (1)** representative from Belleville Economic Progress, Inc. and **one (1)** representative from the Belleville Board of Realtors. The Economic Development and Annexation Committee, Police and Fire, Master Sewer and Streets and Grades committees shall consist of **one (1) Alderman** from each ward. **(Ord. No. 6987; 04-30-07)**

(C)            The Mayor shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

(D)            Notices to the members of the different committees of the Council and notices to all other persons whose attendance may be required before any such committee when so directed by the Chairman thereof, shall be served by the Chief of Police. **(Ord. No. 5420; 04-24-95) (See 5 ILCS Secs. 120/1 and 120/2.06)**

**2-1-6**        **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.**

(A)            **Regular and Special Meetings of the Council.**

- (1) Executive sessions of the City Council of Belleville, Illinois, may be held upon a motion being made on the floor at a regular or a special Council Meeting requesting an Executive Session or upon a motion made at the caucus of the City

Council of the City of Belleville, Illinois. The motion shall state one or more of the following purposes for which this session is being called:

- (a) Collective negotiating matters between the City and its employees or representatives.
- (b) Acquisition of real property.
- (c) Pending Court proceedings against or on behalf of the City.
- (d) To consider information regarding appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee or officer or to hear testimony on a complaint lodged against the employee or officer of the City to determine its validity, but no final action may be taken at the closed session. If the motion to go into an Executive Session is made at the caucus of the City Council of the City of Belleville, Illinois, and the Executive Session is held prior to the regular City Council meeting, it shall be the duty of the Mayor to announce at the regular City Council meeting that an Executive Session was held prior to the Council meeting for one of the purposes set forth in 1 a, b, c, or d. (**#3279;12-31-74**)

- (2) Minutes shall be taken during all Executive Sessions and the minutes shall be kept by the City Clerk in a special Executive Session Minute Book. Said minutes shall not be open to the general public or press for inspection thereof. (**#3225;5-20-74**)

(B) **Committee Meetings.**

- (1) Meetings of committees of the City Council of the City of Belleville, Illinois, shall be open to the public.
- (2) An Executive Session of any of said committees may be called by a motion of any one of the committee members at the committee meeting. The motion for the Executive Session shall state one or more of the following purposes for which the Executive Session is being called.
  - (a) Collective negotiating matters between the City and its employees or representatives.
  - (b) Acquisition of real property.
  - (c) Pending Court proceedings against or on behalf of the City.
  - (d) To consider information regarding appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee or officer or to hear testimony on a complaint lodged against the

employee or officer of the City to determine its validity but no final action may be taken at the closed session.

- (3) The Chairman of each Committee or Committee members shall give a report summarizing the business conducted at a regular or special meeting of this committee to the Aldermen monthly. (#3225; 5-20-74)

(C)

**Notice.**

- (1) The City Council of the City of Belleville, Illinois, and any committees thereof shall give public notice of the schedule of their regular meetings at the beginning of each fiscal year and shall state the regular dates, times, and places of such meetings. Public notice of any special meeting or of any rescheduled regular meeting or any reconvened meeting shall be given at least **twenty-four (24) hours** before such meeting. However, this requirement of public notice of reconvened meetings does not apply to any case where the meeting is to be reconvened within **twenty-four (24) hours** nor to any case where announcement of the time and place of the reconvened meeting was made at the original meeting and there is no change in the agenda.

**[NOTE: State Statutes in 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-25 require a 48-hour meeting notice.]**

- (2) Public notice shall be given by posting a copy of the notice in the City Hall of Belleville, Illinois. Copies of the notice of regular meetings of the City Council and committees thereof and of the notice of any special, rescheduled or reconvened meeting shall be given to any local newspaper of general circulation or any local radio or television station that has filed an annual request for such notice. Any such news media shall also be given the same notice of all special, rescheduled or reconvened meetings in the same manner as is given members of the body provided such news media has given the public body an address within the territorial jurisdiction of the body at which such notice may be given.
- (3) If a change is made in regular meeting dates, at least **ten (10) days** notice of such change shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Belleville. Notice of such change of regular meetings shall also be posted in the City Hall of the City of Belleville. Notice of such change of regular meetings shall also be supplied to those news media who have filed an annual request as provided for above.

- (4) Notice requirements of these rules are in addition to and not in substitution of any other notice provided by law. Failure of any news media receiving notice provided for by these rules shall not invalidate any meeting provided notice was, in fact, given in accordance with this act. (#3225;5-20-74)

**2-1-7**      **CLOSED SESSIONS.**

(A)      **Recording Closed Sessions.** The City shall keep a verbatim record of all closed or executive session meetings of the corporate authorities of the City or any subsidiary "public body" as defined by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, **5 ILCS 120/1**. The verbatim record shall be in the form of an audio or video recording as determined by the corporate authorities.

(B)      **Responsibility for Recording Closed Sessions and Maintaining Recordings.** The City Clerk or his or her designee shall be responsible for arranging for the recording of such closed or executive sessions. In the absence of the City Clerk or his or her designee, the meeting Chair will arrange for the audio or video recording of the closed or executive session of the City Council. Each subsidiary public body of the City shall designate an individual who will be responsible for the recording of any and all closed or executive sessions of the subsidiary body and for providing the City Clerk with a copy of such recording. The City Clerk, or his or her designee, shall securely maintain the verbatim recordings of all closed sessions of the corporate authorities of the City and all subsidiary public bodies of the City.

(C)      **Closed Session Minutes.** In addition to the recordings of the closed and executive session as addressed in this Section, the City will keep minutes of all closed meetings in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, **5 ILCS 120/1**.

(D)      **Procedure for Recording.** At the beginning of each closed session, those present shall identify themselves by voice for the audio recording. If the meeting is videotaped, those present shall individually appear on camera and identify themselves by voice at the beginning of the closed session. The meeting Chair shall also announce the times the closed session commences and ends at the appropriate points on the recording.

(E)      **Back-Up Equipment/Procedure for Equipment Malfunction.** The City will maintain sufficient tapes, batteries and equipment for the City to comply with this Section. The City Clerk or his or her designee will periodically check the equipment to confirm that it is functioning. In the event that anyone present at a closed session determines that the equipment is not functioning properly, the closed session will be temporarily suspended to attempt to correct any malfunction. In the event that an equipment malfunction cannot be corrected immediately, the closed session will terminate until such time as the closed session may proceed with a functioning recording device.

(F) **Procedure for Review of Closed Session Minutes and Recordings.** At one meeting at least every **six (6) months**, the agenda shall include the item: "Review of the minutes and recordings of all closed sessions that have not yet been released for public review, and determination of which minutes, if any, may be released." Minutes shall be reviewed in closed session and shall not be released unless the corporate authorities of the City find that it is no longer necessary to protect the public interest or the privacy of an individual by keeping them confidential. As to any minutes not released, the corporate authorities shall find that the "need for confidentiality still exists" as to those minutes. Minutes of closed sessions shall be kept indefinitely. Recordings shall be reviewed in a manner appropriate to the purpose for which they were intended.

(G) **Maintenance and Public Release of Recordings and Access of Tapes.** The audio or video tape recordings of closed sessions shall be maintained for **eighteen (18) months** after the closed session and shall not be released to the public unless such release is required by a court order or specifically authorized for release by a vote of the City Council. Members of the corporate authorities may listen to the closed session recordings in the presence of the City Clerk or his or her designee. Copies of such tapes will not be made or provided to anyone unless specifically authorized by vote of the City Council.

(H) **Procedure for Destruction of Recordings.** The City Clerk or his or her designee is hereby authorized to destroy the audio or video recordings of those closed sessions for which:

- (1) The corporate authorities of the City have approved the minutes of the closed sessions as to accurate content, regardless of whether the minutes have been released for public review;
- (2) More than **eighteen (18) months** have elapsed since the date of the closed session;
- (3) There is no court order requiring the preservation of such recording; and
- (4) The corporate authorities of the City have not passed a motion requiring the preservation of the verbatim recording of that meeting.

(Ord. No. 6788; 11-07-05)

## ARTICLE II – COUNCIL RULES

**2-2-1**      **RULES OF COUNCIL.** The following rules of order and procedure shall govern the deliberations and meetings of the City Council.

(A)      **Agenda.** The following Agenda shall be followed by the City Council in conducting its business during its meetings:

- (1) Call to order by Mayor.
- (2) Roll call Aldermen.
- (3) Roll call Department Heads.
- (4) Pledge of Allegiance.
- (5) Public Participation.
  - (a) Members of the public may address the City Council. Remarks are limited to **two (2) minutes** per speaker.
- (6) Presentations, recognitions and appointments.
- (7) Reading of the Minutes of past meeting or meetings, corrections and approval of the same, unless dispensed with by the Council.
- (8) Claims - payroll and disbursements approved by Claims Committee.
- (9) Reports.
- (10) Oral Reports from standing committees, special committees and any other oral reports from the elected officials or staff.
- (11) Communications from Mayor, Clerk or other City officials.
- (12) Petitions.
- (13) Resolutions.
- (14) Ordinances.
- (15) Unfinished business.
- (16) Miscellaneous and new business.
- (17) Adjournment.

All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided by the Chair (Mayor) without debate, subject to appeal. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-15) (Ord. No. 5169; 11-15-93)**

(B)      **Duties of the Presiding Officer.** The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum and may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order subject to appeal.

In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct, the presiding officer shall have the power to require the chamber be cleared.

(C)      **Duties of Members.** While the presiding officer is putting the question, no member shall walk across or out of the Council chamber.

Every member, previous to his speaking, making a motion or seconding the same, shall rise from his seat and address himself to the presiding officer and say: **"Mr. Mayor"**, and shall not proceed with his remarks until recognized and named by the chair. He shall confine himself to the question under debate avoiding personalities and refraining from impugning the motives of any other member's argument or vote.

When **two (2)** or more members rise at the same time, the presiding officer shall name the member who is first to speak.

(D) **Visitors.** No person other than a member of the Council shall address that body, except with the consent of the majority of the members present.

(E) **Presentation of New Business.** When a member wishes to present a communication, petition, order, resolution, ordinance or other original matter, he shall send it to the desk of the Clerk who shall read such matter when reached in its proper order.

(F) **Debate.** No member shall speak more than once on the same question, except by unanimous consent, and then not until every other member desiring to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so; provided, however, that the proponent of the matter under consideration or the chairman of the committee whose report is under consideration, as the case may be, shall have the right to open and close debate. No member shall speak longer than **ten (10) minutes** at any one time, except by consent of the Council; and in closing debate on any question, as above provided, the speaker shall be limited to **five (5) minutes**, except by special consent of the Council.

While a member is speaking, no member shall hold any private discussion, nor pass between the speaker and the Chair.

(G) **Call of Member to Order.** A member when called to order by the chair, shall thereupon discontinue speaking and take his seat and the order of ruling of the Chair shall be binding and conclusive, subject only to the right of appeal.

(H) **Appeals from Decisions of the Chair.** Any member may appeal to the Council from a ruling of the Chair and, if the appeal is seconded, the member making the appeal may briefly state his reason for the same, and the Chair may briefly explain his ruling; but there shall be no debate on the appeal and no other member shall participate in the discussion. The Chair shall then put the question, **"Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"** If a majority of the members present vote **"No"**, the decision of the Chair shall be overruled; otherwise, it shall be sustained.

(I) **Question of Personal Privilege.** The right of a member to address the Council on a question of personal privilege shall be limited to cases in which his integrity, character or motives are assailed, questioned or impugned.

(J) **Voting.** Every member who shall be present when a question is stated from the Chair shall vote thereon, unless excused by the Council, or unless he is personally interested in the question, in which case he shall not vote.

(K) **Special Order of Business.** Any matter before the Council may be set down as a special order of business at a time certain, if **two-thirds (2/3)** of the Aldermen present vote in the affirmative, but not otherwise.

(L) **Seconding of Motions Required; Written Motions.** No motion shall be put or debated in the Council or in committee unless it is seconded. When a motion is seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer before debate, and every motion in the Council, except motions of procedure, shall be reduced to writing, if required by a member, and the proposer of the motion shall be entitled to the floor.

(M) **Withdrawal of Motions.** After a motion or resolution is stated by the presiding officer, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Council, but it may be withdrawn at any time before decision, by consent of the Council.

(N) **Division of Questions.** If any question under consideration contains several distinct propositions, the Council by a majority vote of the members present may divide such question.

(O) **Record of Motions.** In all cases where a resolution or motion is entered in the journal, the name of the member moving the same shall be entered also.

(P) **Taking and Entering the Votes; Explanations of Votes Not Permitted.** If any member requires it, the "yeas" and "nays" upon any question shall be taken and entered in the journal; but the "yeas" and "nays" shall not be taken unless called for prior to any vote on the question.

When the Clerk has commenced to call the roll of the Council for the taking of a vote by "yeas" and "nays", all debate on the question before the Council shall be deemed concluded, and during the taking of the vote no member shall be permitted to explain his vote but shall respond to the calling of his name by the Clerk by answering "yea" or "nay," as the case may be.

(Q) **Announcement and Changes of Votes.** The result of all votes by yeas and nays shall not be announced by the Clerk but shall be handed by him to the chairman for announcement, and no vote shall be changed after the tally list has passed from the hands of the Clerk.

(R) **Precedence of Motions.** When a question is under debate, the following motions shall be in order and shall have precedence over each other in order, as listed:

1. To adjourn to a day certain.
2. To adjourn.
3. To take a recess.
4. To lay on the table.
5. The previous question.
6. To refer.
7. To amend.
8. To defer or postpone to a time certain.
9. To defer or postpone (without reference to time).
10. To defer or postpone indefinitely.

Numbers 2, 4 and 5 to be decided without debate.

(S) **Motions to Adjourn.** A motion to adjourn the Council shall always be in order except:

1. When a member is in possession of the floor.
2. While the yeas and nays are being called.
3. When the members are voting.
4. When adjournment was the last preceding motion.
5. When it has been decided that the previous question shall be taken.

A motion simply to adjourn shall no be subject to amendment or debate, but a motion to adjourn to a time certain shall be.

The Council may at any time adjourn over one or more regular meetings, on a vote of a majority of all the Aldermen authorized by law to be elected.

(T) **Previous Question.** When the previous question is moved on the main question, and seconded, it shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question now be put?" If such motion be carried, all further amendment and all further motions and debate shall be excluded, and the question put without delay, upon the pending amendments in proper order, and then upon the main question.

(U) **Motions to Lay on the Table and to Take from the Table.** A motion simply to lay a question on the table shall not be debatable; but a motion to lay on the table and publish, or with any other condition, shall be subject to amendment and debate.

A motion to take any motion or other proposition from the table may be proposed at the same meeting at which such motion or proposition was laid upon the table, provided **two-thirds (2/3)** of the Aldermen vote therefor.

A motion to lay any particular motion or proposition on the table shall apply to that motion or proposition only. An amendment to the main question or other pending question may be laid on the table and neither the main question nor such other pending question shall be affected thereby.

(V) **Indefinite Postponement; Motion to Defer or Postpone Without Any Reference to Time.** When consideration of a motion or other proposition is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be again taken up at the same meeting.

A motion to postpone indefinitely shall not open the main question to debate.

A motion to defer or postpone, without any reference to time, shall not be construed as a motion to postpone indefinitely, but shall be considered to be of the same general nature, and to possess the same general attributes so far as applicable under these rules, as a motion to postpone indefinitely or to a time certain.

(W) **Motion to Refer.** A motion to refer to a standing committee shall take precedence over a similar motion to refer to a special committee.

(X) **Motion to Amend.** A motion to amend an amendment shall be in order, but one to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be entertained.

An amendment modifying the intention of a motion shall be in order; but an amendment relating to a different subject, shall not be in order.

On an amendment to "Strike out and insert", the paragraph to be amended shall first be read as it stands, then the words proposed to be stricken out, then those to be inserted, and finally the paragraph as it will stand if so amended shall be read.

An amendment to the main question or other pending question may be referred to a committee and neither the main question nor such other pending question shall be affected thereby.

(Y) **Filling of Blanks.** When a blank is to be filled, and different sums or times proposed, the question shall be taken first on the least sum or the longest time.

(Z) **Motion to Substitute.** A substitute for any original proposition under debate or for any pending amendment to such proposition may be entertained notwithstanding that at such time further amendment is admissible; and if accepted by the Council by a vote shall entirely supersede such original proposition or amendment, as the case may be, and cut off all amendments appertaining thereto.

(AA) **Reconsideration.** A vote or question may be reconsidered at any time during the same meeting, or at the first regular meeting held thereafter. A motion for reconsideration, having been once made and decided in the negative, shall not be renewed, nor shall a motion to reconsider be reconsidered.

A motion to reconsider must be made and seconded by members who voted on the prevailing side of the question to be reconsidered, unless otherwise provided by law; provided, however, that where a motion has received a majority vote in the affirmative, but is declared lost solely on the ground that a greater number of affirmative votes is required by statute for the passage or adoption of such motion, then in such case a motion to reconsider may be made and seconded only by those who voted in the affirmative on such question to be reconsidered.

(BB) **Adoption of Robert's "Rules of Order Revised".** The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in the latest published edition of Robert's "Rules of Order Revised" shall govern the Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the special rules of the Council.

(CC) **Temporary Suspension of Rules; Amendment of Rules.** These rules may be temporarily suspended by a vote of **two-thirds (2/3)** of all the Aldermen entitled by law to be elected, and shall not be repealed, altered or amended, unless by concurrence of **two-thirds (2/3)** of all the Aldermen entitled by law to be elected.

(DD) **Censure of Members; Expulsion of Members.** Any member acting or appearing in a lewd or disgraceful manner, or who uses opprobrious, obscene or insulting language to or about any member of the Council, or who does not obey the order of the chair, shall be, on motion, censured by a majority vote of the members present, or expelled by a **two-thirds (2/3)** vote of all members elected.

## ARTICLE III - WARDS

**2-3-1**        **WARDS ESTABLISHED.** The City of Belleville is hereby divided into the following wards:

(A)            **Ward 1.** Commencing at the intersection of the center line of East "D" Street with the center line of North High Street; thence North along the center line of North High Street and its Northerly extension to the Northerly City limits line of the City of Belleville, Illinois; thence in a general Northeast direction and Southeast direction following the various courses and meanders of the City limits line to its intersection with the Northeasterly extension of the center line of East "C" Street; thence in a Southwest direction along the center line of East "C" Street and its extension to the center line of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad; thence in a Northwest direction along the center line of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad to the center line of Scheel Street; thence in a Southwest direction along the center line of Scheel Street to the center line of Walnut Street; thence South along the center line of Walnut Street to the center line of East "D" Street; thence West along the Center line of East "D" Street to the center line of South High Street, being the point of beginning.

(B)            **Ward 2.** Commencing at the intersection of the center line of East "D" Street with the center line of North High Street; thence North along the center line of North High Street and its Northerly extension to the Northerly City limits of the City of Belleville, Illinois; thence starting West along the City limits line and following the City limits line in its various courses and meanders to the center line of Jay Street; thence West along the center line of Jay Street to the center line of Whitlow Drive; thence South along the center line of Whitlow Drive to the center line of Stevens Street; thence West along the center line of Stevens Street to the center line of Sheridan Avenue; thence South along the center line of Sheridan Avenue to the center line of North 31st Street; thence East along the center line of North 31st Street to the center line of Catawba Creek; thence Southeast along the center line of Catawba Creek to the center line of North 28th Street; thence West along the center line of North 28th Street to the center line of West Main Street; thence Southeast and East along the center line of West Main Street and East Main Street to the center line of Walnut Street; thence North along the center line of Walnut Street to the center line of East "D" Street; thence West along the center line of East "D" Street to the center line of North High Street, being the point of beginning.

(C)            **Ward 3.** Commencing at the intersection of the center line of West Main Street with the center line of North Belt West; thence East along the center line of North Belt West to the center line of North 43rd Street; thence North along the center line of North 43rd Street to the center line of South Park Drive; thence East along the center line of South Park Drive to the center line of Royal Heights Road; thence North along the center line of Royal Heights Road to the Northerly City limits of the City of Belleville, Illinois; thence Southeast along the City limits line in its various courses and meanders to the center line of Jay Avenue; thence West along the center line of Jay

Avenue to the center line of Whitlow Drive; thence South along the center line of Whitlow Drive to the center line of Stevens Street; thence West along the centerline of Stevens Street to the center line of Sheridan Avenue; thence South along the center line of Sheridan Avenue to the center line of North 31st Street; thence East along the center line of North 31st Street to the center line of Catawba Creek; thence Southeast along the center line of Catawba Creek to the center line of North 28th Street; thence West along the center line of North 28th Street to the center line of West Main Street; thence Northwest along the center line of West Main Street to the center line of North Belt West, being the point of beginning.

(D) **Ward 4.** Commencing at the intersection of West Main Street with the center line of North Belt West; thence East along the center line of North Belt West to the center line of North 43rd Street; thence North along the center line of North 43rd Street to the center line of South Park Drive; thence East along the center line of South Park Drive to the center line of Royal Heights Road; thence North along the center line of Royal Heights Road to the Northerly City limits line of the City of Belleville, Illinois; thence in a general Northwest direction along the City limits line in its various courses and meanders to the center line of West Main Street; thence Southeast along the center line of West Main Street to the center line of North Belt West, being the point of beginning.

(E) **Ward 5.** Commencing at the intersection of the Northerly extension of the center line of South 4th Street with the center line of West Main Street; thence West and Northwest along the center line of West Main Street to the Easterly extension of the center line of the alley along the North side of "TATES ADDITION", being the first alley North of and parallel to South 35th Street; thence West along the center line of said alley and its Westerly extension to the Southwesterly City limits of the City of Belleville, Illinois; thence in a general Southeasterly direction along the various courses and meanders of the City limits to its intersection with the Southerly extension of South 2nd Street at South Belt West; thence North and Northwest along the center line of South 2nd Street to the center line of Polk Street; thence North along the center line of Polk Street to the center line of Cleveland Avenue; thence West along the center line of Cleveland Avenue to its intersection with the Southerly extension of the center line of South 4th Street; thence North along the center line of South 4th Street and its extension to the center line of West Main Street, being the point of beginning.

(F) **Ward 6.** Commencing at the intersection of the Northerly extension of the center line of South 4th Street with the center line of West Main Street; thence East along the center line of West Main Street and East Main Street to its intersection with the Northwesterly extension of Park Avenue; thence Southeasterly along the center line of Park Avenue and its extension to its intersection with the Southwesterly extension of the center line of Prairie Avenue; thence Northeast along the center line of Prairie Avenue and its extension to the center line of Virginia Avenue; thence Southeast along the center line of Virginia Avenue to the City limits line of the City of Belleville, Illinois; thence in a general Southeasterly direction and Westerly

direction along the City limits line to its intersection with the Southerly extension of the center line of South 2nd Street near South Belt West; thence North and Northwest along the center line of South 2nd Street to the center line of Polk Street; thence North along the center line of Polk Street to the center line of Cleveland Avenue; thence West along the center line of Cleveland Avenue to its intersection with the Southerly extension of the center line of South 4th Street; thence North along the center line of South 4th Street and its extension to the center line of West Main Street, being the point of beginning.

(G) **Ward 7.** Commencing at the intersection of the center line of East Main Street with the center line of Walnut Street; thence North along the center line of Walnut Street to the center line of Scheel Street; thence Northeast along the center line of Scheel Street to the center line of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad; thence Southeast along the center line of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad to its intersection with the Southwesterly extension of the center line of East "C" Street; thence Northeast along the center line of East "C" Street and its extension to the Northeast right of way line of Schilling Avenue, which is the City limit line; thence in a general Southerly direction along the City limits line in its various courses and meanders to its intersection with the center line of South Virginia Avenue; thence Northwest along the center line of South Virginia Avenue to the center line of Prairie Avenue; thence Southwest along the center line of Prairie Avenue and its Southwesterly extension to its intersection with the Southeasterly extension of the center line of Park Avenue; thence Northwest along the center line of Park Avenue and its extension to its intersection with the center line of East Main Street; thence West along the center line of East Main Street to the center line of Walnut Street, being the point of beginning.

(H) **Ward 8.** Commencing at the intersection of the Easterly extension of the center line of the alley along the North side of "TATES ADDITION", being the first alley North of and parallel to South 35th Street, with the center line of West Main Street; thence Northwest along the center line of West Main Street to the Westerly City limits line of the City of Belleville, Illinois; thence Southwest and Southeast along the Westerly and Southwesterly City limits line in its various courses and meanders to its intersection with the Westerly extension of the center line of the first alley North of and parallel to South 35th Street; thence East along the center line of said alley and its extension to the center line of West Main Street, being the point of beginning.

**[NOTE: The ward descriptions do not reflect the annexations after 1991.]**  
**(Ord. No. 4801; 01-07-91)**

ARTICLE IV - INSURANCE

**2-4-1        INSURANCE COVERAGE.**

(A)        **Continuation of Availability and Cost.** Any elected official of the City who has served **one (1) full term** and is not re-elected or chooses to retire from his/her elected office, or a spouse of a deceased elected official, shall be allowed to continue to participate in the City's health insurance indefinitely, so long as they pay their own expenses for premiums and any other cost that may be associated with said coverage.

(B)        **Additional Insurance.** The elected official or spouse of a deceased elected official of the City shall additionally be allowed to purchase insurance coverage through the City so long as they pay their own expense for premiums and any other cost that may be associated with said coverage. **(Ord. No. 5727; 04-21-97)**