

Chapter 24 -- Board of Aldermen

**24.010. Number of Aldermen, how chosen.** The Board of Aldermen of the City of Moscow Mills, Missouri, shall consist of four members, two of whom shall be elected from each ward of the City in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Missouri governing cities of the fourth class.

**24.020. Qualifications and tenure in office.** No person shall be eligible to the office of aldermen who is not a qualified voter under the ordinances of the City and the laws and constitution of the State of Missouri; nor shall any person be elected aldermen who shall at the time be in arrears for any unpaid taxes due the City, or be guilty of forfeiture or defalcation in office. Members of the Board of Aldermen shall hold their office for two years.

**24.030. Oath of Office.** It shall be the duty of every alderman before entering upon the duties of his office, to take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation before some court of record in Lincoln County, Missouri, or the City of Moscow Mills, that he possesses all the qualifications prescribed for his office by law; that he will support the constitution of the United States and the State of Missouri, the provisions of all laws of this state affecting cities of the fourth class, and the ordinances of the City and faithfully demean himself while in office; which official oath or affirmation shall be filed with and preserved by the City Clerk and Collector.

**24.040. Acting president of the Board of Aldermen.** At the first regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen following the general election of officers, the Board of Aldermen shall elect one of their number as the "Acting President of the Board of Aldermen", who shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Aldermen in the absence of the mayor, and in case of a vacancy in the office, of Mayor, for any cause whatever, the Acting President of the Board of Aldermen shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Aldermen and perform the duties of the Mayor until such vacancy is filled or in case of the temporary absence of the Mayor, until he returns; and the journal of proceedings kept of all such meetings presided over by him shall be signed by him as such "Acting President of the Board of Aldermen", and attested by the City Clerk and Collector.

**24.050 Meeting of the Board.** The meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Moscow Mills shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Moscow Mills Community Building. In the event that a meeting date falls on a Holiday observed in section 23.810, the meeting will be held on the Tuesday immediately following the original meeting date. The Board of Aldermen at any such regular meeting may adjourn said meeting to a later date; provided however, no regular meeting shall be adjourned for a length of time greater than thirty (30) days from the date for the regular meeting.

**24.060. Special meetings of board.** A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen may be called by the Mayor, or in the event of the absence or disability of the Mayor, by the Acting President of the Board of Aldermen, or by Three (3) Aldermen of the

City as hereinafter provided. The Mayor, acting president of the board, or at least three aldermen, desiring to call a special meeting, shall file with the city clerk and collector, not less than three (3) days prior to the date of the special meeting, a statement in writing, duly signed by such officer or officers making the call. Such written statement shall set out the date, time and purpose of such meeting. It shall then be the duty of the city clerk and collector to notify each Alderman of the City, in writing, of the date, place, time and Purpose of said special meeting, at least two (2)days Prior to the date of said meeting.

**24.070. Special meeting, adjourned, to later date.** The Board of Aldermen, at any special meeting called and held as provided for in Section Six herein, may adjourn said meeting to a later date; provided, however, no special meeting shall be adjourned to a date more than ten (10) days from the date of the special meeting.

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