

## Charter of City of Beckley

### **Sec. 10. - Conduct of primary and general elections; when held; filing fee; state laws applicable.**

All candidates for the city offices of mayor, council members at-large, and ward council members shall sign up for the respective office the candidate is running for not less than sixty (60) days before the city's general election, and it shall be the duty of the said recorder-treasurer to certify each candidate's application prior to the candidate being placed on the ballot, and no candidate is eligible to be voted upon for office in said city whose candidate application has not been so certified by the recorder-treasurer.

**The first city general election hereunder shall be held on the second Tuesday in May, 2011, the next city general election shall be held on the second Tuesday in May, 2016, and other elections hereunder shall be held on the second Tuesday in May every four (4) years thereafter, and the term of office shall begin on the first day of July after each such election.**

**The city general election for the city offices of mayor, council members at-large, and ward council members shall be non-partisan with no political party affiliation appearing on the ballot with the candidate's name.**

Each election shall be conducted under, and by the direction of, the council of the said city. The mode of voting shall be by secret ballot. The election in said city shall be held and conducted, and the result thereof certified, returned, and finally determined under the laws in force in this state relating to general elections, except that the persons conducting said election shall, on the day the election is held deliver the ballots, tally sheets, and poll books to the recorder-treasurer for safe keeping; and thereafter, the council of said city shall meet within five (5) days (Sunday excepted) after said election and canvass the returns of said election and declare the results thereof, and in all respects comply with the requirements of the statutes of the state relating to elections. The corporate authorities of said city shall perform all duties in relation to such election as the corresponding county officers carrying out similar duties for the county and, in general, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be governed by the election laws prescribed in the Code of West Virginia.

- (a) The city has been laid off into wards and each ward shall contain such number of voting precincts as the council shall deem advisable to place therein, but no precinct or part thereof shall lie in more than one ward.
- (b) The common council shall fix a filing fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each common council position and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for the office of mayor.

All of the provisions of Chapter Three of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, and the amendments thereof, relating to elections are hereby adopted, so far as applicable, subject to the modifications contained herein.

(Election of 8-3-54; Election of 8-28-10)

**State Law reference**— For state law as to conduct of general elections, see W. Va. Code, [Ch. 3](#), Art. 6; as to conduct of primary elections, see W. Va. Code, [Ch. 3](#), Art. 5; see also § 8-5-14.