

ORDINANCE #5520

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE A MAJORITY VOTE FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN BY ADDING SECTION 1.16.030 TO CHAPTER 1.16 OF THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, prior to July 1, 2009, state law required the City of Rapid City to hold runoff elections when no candidate for the office of Mayor or Alderman received a majority of the votes cast; and

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2009, South Dakota law no longer requires the City of Rapid City to hold such runoff elections but permits the City to require runoff elections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it in the best interest of the City of Rapid City to require a candidate for the office of Mayor or Alderman to receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected to office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City that the Rapid City Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new section to Chapter 1.16 of the Rapid City Municipal Code as follows:

1.16.030 Votes required for election to office.

Any candidate for election to the office of Mayor or Alderman must receive a majority of the votes cast in the election to prevail in the election. In case no candidate for election to the office of Mayor or Alderman receives a majority of the votes cast, a secondary election shall be held on the third Tuesday following the original election. The ballot for the secondary election shall list only the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the first election. The Finance Officer shall cause to be published all notices of the secondary election required by state law.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Officer
(SEAL)

First Reading:
Second Reading:
Published: