ARTICLE 8.
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 8-1. ~~Nonpartisan~~ General Provisions for All Elections~~.~~
~~All~~ (a) ~~e~~Elections of ~~C~~city officers shall be nonpartisan, and election ballots or ballot labels for such officers shall be printed without any party mark, emblem~~,~~ or designation ~~whatsoever~~.

(b) Signature Requirements—The number of signatures of voters in the city required to place the name of a candidate on the official ballot to be used at a~~n~~ ~~preliminary~~ election~~, or any special election for an office other than mayor,~~ shall be ~~as follows~~:

(1) for ~~the office of~~ mayor~~:,~~ ~~four hundred~~ 400 signatures; and

(2) for councilor-by-ward, councilor at--large or school committee member:~~,~~ ~~one hundred fifty~~150 signatures.~~.;~~

~~(3) for ward aldermancouncilor, fifty 50 signatures from the ward district in which the election is to be held; for school committee member, one hundred fifty signatures.~~

(c) Ballot Position— The election commission shall randomly draw lots to determine the order in which names of candidates shall appear on the ballot for each office.

(d) Information to Voters— The name and address of each candidate ~~and the candidate's address~~, but not any other information regarding the candidate, shall appear on the ballot at any city election.

SECTION 8-2. Regular City Elections
~~(a)~~ Date—The regular city election shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year.
~~(b) Ballot Position—The order in which names of candidates appear on the ballot for each office in a regular city election shall be determined by a drawing by lot conducted by the election commission.~~
~~(c) Information to Voters—If the candidate in a regularcity election is an incumbent of the office to which the candidate seeks election, against the candidate's nameshall appear the phrase "Candidate for Re-election".~~