

CHAPTER 2.20

LOCAL VOTERS PAMPHLETS

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2.20.010: Purpose: It is the purpose of this chapter to authorize the preparation of a voter's pamphlet for every primary, general and special election in the City of Kennewick. It is the intent of the City Council to confer upon the administration of the City all necessary and proper powers to implement and carry out the provisions of Chapter 106 and this chapter, and be construed liberally to effect that purpose. (Ord. 2847 Sec. 1 (part), 1984)

2.20.020: City Clerk's Duties: The City Clerk of the City of Kennewick is authorized to prepare and distribute a local voter's pamphlet for the City of Kennewick in accord with this chapter and Chapter 106, Laws of 1984. The Clerk may adopt all needful rules and regulations and may enter into any contract or interlocal cooperation agreement with any jurisdiction conducting an election at the same time as a City election to issue a joint voter's pamphlet. (Ord. 2847 Sec. 1 (part), 1984)

2.20.030: Preparation of Pamphlet: The Clerk will prepare and mail an official local voter's pamphlet of the City of Kennewick to all registered voters in the City and each participating jurisdiction, or, if it appears more appropriate, to every resident within the City or district between 15 and 10 days prior to every City election. The pamphlet will contain information on how a person may register to vote and how he may obtain an absentee ballot.

The pamphlet will contain the text of each measure to be submitted accompanied by an explanatory statement prepared by the attorney for the jurisdiction submitting the measure and reviewed by the City Attorney and arguments for and against each proposition. Under normal circumstances candidate's statements and photographs will not be included within the pamphlet unless the clerk determines that local newspapers will not carry candidate's statements or other than political advertising by them. The clerk will attempt to make such determination prior to the opening of filing for candidate positions and proceed accordingly. If the City participates with other jurisdictions in preparing a joint pamphlet and candidate material will be submitted by the other jurisdictions, then the clerk will do likewise unless otherwise directed by the City Council. The name of each candidate for office for each jurisdiction will be included along with a statement prepared for or by him and his photograph. (Ord. 3760 Sec. 1, 1997; Ord. 2847 Sec. 1 (part), 1984)

2.20.040: Committee Selection: If the voter's pamphlet is to contain ballot propositions by the City of Kennewick, the Clerk will, at the earliest practical date, publish a notice soliciting volunteers to participate on a committee for the preparation of arguments advocating approval or rejection of the particular proposition. He will mail a copy of the notice to persons known

to be for or against the proposition and will promptly notify the City Council of committee volunteers.

As soon as practical after the publication and mailing of notice, the City Council will appoint a person or committee not exceeding three to prepare statements for or against each proposition. If no person can be found to prepare such a statement, then the pamphlet will so indicate. In the event that the City Council does not or cannot appoint a person or committee to prepare a statement, the clerk will publish any statement received or submitted by any citizen, subject to appropriate editing. (Ord. 2847 Sec. 1 (part), 1984)

2.20.050: Costs: Every jurisdiction submitting propositions or candidate statements is liable for its proportionate cost of the share of preparing the voter's pamphlet or, if the City participates with another jurisdiction in the preparation of such a pamphlet, it will bear its own proportionate costs as the case may be. (Ord. 2847 Sec. 1, 1984)