

April 30, 1958

A special meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Building on the above date at 10:30 A. M.

Present: B. E. Ball, Fred H. King, Sol Cury, A. O. Umstead, W. R. Hamner.

On a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by B. E. Ball, council was declared to be in emergency session to consider qualifying candidates for council for city election to be held on the second Tuesday of June. On roll call vote council voted as follows: B. E. Ball, Aye; Fred H. King, Aye; W. R. Hamner, Aye; A. O. Umstead, Aye; Sol Cury, Aye.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by B. E. Ball, the following ordinance #1273 was duly introduced, seconded and passed on unanimous roll call vote of all members present, five in number:

BE IT ORDAINED,

THAT WHEREAS a municipal election will be held for the purpose of electing three members of the City Council on the second Tuesday in June; and,

WHEREAS, a serious question has arisen as to the procedure to be followed by candidates for office of city councilman in order to qualify for such candidacy and have their names printed on the official ballot; and,

WHEREAS, four candidates for office have filed a petition indicating their candidacy with the Clerk of of the Circuit Court for Wise County, Virginia, and the City of Norton, and one candidate has filed a petition indicating his candidacy with the Secretary of the State Board of Elections; and,

WHEREAS, if it be necessary at law that filing of said petitions be with both the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wise, County, Virginia, and the City of Norton and the Secretary of State Board of Elections, the names of sufficient candidates to fill the vacancies in office would not appear on the official ballot; and,

WHEREAS, there is serious doubts that the filing of a petition with both of said offices applies to cities; and,

WHEREAS, at the 1954 Session of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the charter of the City of Norton, approved on April 6, 1954, in providing for the administration and government of said city vested in the Council of the City of Norton the power to be the judge of the election and qualifications and returns of its members.

NOW, THEREFORE, consistent with the powers granted by the General Assembly of Virginia as aforesaid, the Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, hereby ordains that any person who shall have filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wise County, Virginia, and the City of Norton sixty days prior to the second Tuesday in June a petition indicating his intention to be a candidate for councilman at the municipal election shall be a candidate for office of councilman and shall be entitled to have his name placed on the official ballot for said election.

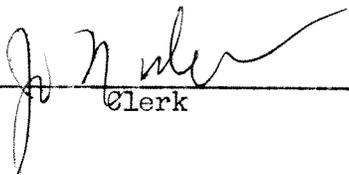
An emergency existing, this ordinance shall be in effect from the date of its passage.

A COPY TESTE:

S/ Jo Nosler
Clerk of Council



Mayor



Clerk