ORDINANCE NO. 978

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS, RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF NON-PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR CITY OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY ELECTION, INCLUDING THE OFFICE OF MAYOR AND ALL COUNCIL OFFICES.

WHEREAS, 2015 House Bill 2104 at Section 56, amended K.S.A. 25-2113, which had previously provided for nonpartisan local elections, to provide that City elections shall be nonpartisan or partisan as determined by the governing body;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City has determined that it is in the greater public interest to maintain the previously established process providing for nonpartisan City elections;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS:

Section 1. The election of all city officials appointed by election, including the office of the Mayor and all Council offices, shall be conducted in a nonpartisan manner.

Section 2. A new section 6-107 shall be added to the City Code which shall provide as follows:

"NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS. The election of all city officials appointed by election, including the office of the Mayor and all Council offices, shall be conducted in a nonpartisan manner."

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force after publication in the official city newspaper.

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PASSED by the Governing Body this 12th day of January, 2017.

APPROVED the Mayor this this 12th day of January, 2017.

Attest: _

Frederick L. Sherman, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:

Ryan Denk, City Attorney