

ORDINANCE NO. 1816

ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 1.47 OF THE KAUKAUNA MUNICIPAL CODE
ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ABSENTEE BALLOT CANVASSERS

WHEREAS, elector use of absentee voting has increased in recent elections; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is likely that elector use of absentee voting will be substantially greater in the 2020 fall election; and,

WHEREAS, a printer error on absentee ballots provided by Outagamie County's ballot printer may substantially increase the resources required to process and canvass absentee ballots in the 2020 fall election; and,

WHEREAS, Sections 7.52 and 7.53 of the Wisconsin Statutes allows the governing body to appoint a municipal board of absentee ballot canvassers, and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Kaukauna has determined that appointing a municipal board of absentee ballot canvassers would provide for more orderly and efficient canvassing of absentee ballots;

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordained by the Common Council of the City of Kaukauna that Section 1.47 of the Kaukauna Municipal Code is hereby created as follows:

Sec. 1.47. – Board of absentee ballot canvassers.


(1) *Composition.* The board of absentee ballot canvassers shall be composed of the municipal clerk, or a qualified elector of the municipality designated by the clerk, and 2 other qualified electors of the municipality appointed by the clerk. If the clerk is a candidate at the election being canvassed by the board of absentee ballot canvassers and has an opponent whose name appears on the ballot, the mayor shall designate another qualified elector of the municipality to serve in lieu of the clerk and his or her designee for that election. If the municipal clerk's office is vacant or if the clerk and the clerk's designee cannot perform his or her duties, the mayor, president, or board chairperson of the municipality shall designate another qualified elector of the municipality to serve in lieu of the clerk for that election. If any other member of the board of absentee ballot canvassers is a candidate at the election being canvassed, the clerk shall appoint another qualified elector of the municipality to temporarily fill the vacancy.

(2) *Appointments.* The members of the board of absentee ballot canvassers shall be appointed for 2-year terms commencing on January 1 of each even-numbered year, except that any member who is appointed to fill a permanent vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of the original appointee.

(3) *Powers and duties.* See Wis. Stats. §§ 7.52 and 7.53.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication.

APPROVED:  _____
Mayor Anthony J. Penterman

ATTEST:  _____
Sally A. Kenney, Clerk

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