Jan. 24, 2018

Hello Debra, I would like to propose the following change.

Section 2.4 Qualifications Paragraph 2

I would like to add a limit to the additional qualifying periods, open to discussion for the amount of additional qualifying periods so for now I have just put "X". If I need to give an exactly amount that I am thinking about, I would replace X with 2.

Original Paragraph:

A vacancy in a candidacy for the office of mayor, vice-mayor or district council member shall occur upon the death, withdrawal or removal of a candidate. If any qualified candidate dies, withdraws or is removed from the ballot following the end of the qualifying period, and in the event such action leaves fewer than two (2) candidates for that office, then the qualifying period for that particular office shall commence at noon on the day following the day that the vacancy in candidacy occurred, and additional qualification papers shall be available for that particular office in the office of the town clerk until noon, fourteen (14) days subsequent to the death, withdrawal or removal from the ballot of the original candidate. A candidate who was a qualifying candidate at the beginning of the supplemental qualified period shall not be required to re-qualify during such period. The town council shall hold a special meeting within seven (7) days of such additional qualifying period for the purpose of announcing a vacancy in the candidacy, announcing the additional qualifying period, and taking any action that may be necessary to reschedule the election for that particular office.

Proposed changes (changes are underlined and red- there is no deletion of content, just addition) A vacancy in a candidacy for the office of mayor, vice-mayor or district council member shall occur upon the death, withdrawal or removal of a candidate. If any qualified candidate dies, withdraws or is removed from the ballot following the end of the qualifying period, and in the event such action leaves fewer than two (2) candidates for that office, then the qualifying period for that particular office shall commence at noon on the day following the day that the vacancy in candidacy occurred, and additional qualification papers shall be available for that particular office in the office of the town clerk until noon, fourteen (14) calendar days subsequent to the death, withdrawal or removal from the ballot of the original candidate. No more than X additional requalifying periods will commence. A candidate who was a qualifying candidate at the beginning of the supplemental qualified period shall not be required to re-qualify during such period. The town council shall hold a special meeting within seven (7) days of such additional qualifying period for the purpose of announcing a vacancy in the candidacy, announcing the additional qualifying period, and taking any action that may be necessary to reschedule the election for that particular office.

Thank You, Stacy Cusano