

ORDINANCE NO. 473

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, PROVIDING THE MANNER OF SUCH REGISTRATION, THE TIME OF SUCH REGISTRATION, FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY REGISTRARS, DEFINING THEIR DUTIES, AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Recorder of the City of Albany shall be the official Registrar of Electors in and for said City, and the Council may appoint such other person or persons, bearing the qualifications of an elector in said city, as it may deem necessary to act as deputy registrars, and said deputy registrars are hereby empowered to administer all oaths for the purposes provided in this ordinance.

Section 2. The recorder shall procure such materials and assistance as may be needed in registering the electors of the City of Albany in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance and the reasonable and necessary expense so incurred shall be paid out of the general fund by order of the Council of said city.

Section 3. In registering voters the recorder shall use the card index system. The official registration card shall be made from stock of such quality as may last indefinitely and shall contain blank spaces to provide for full name of the elector, street and number, number of ward, place of birth, father's full name, mother's full name, name of political party with which elector affiliates, unless he refuses to name his party preference, in which case the recorder shall enter the word "refused", whether naturalized, and if so the time, place and Court of naturalization, as evidenced by the final citizenship papers or a duly authenticated copy of certificate thereof made by the proper officer of the Court where said papers were issued and exhibited by the elector, provided, however, that all persons heretofore registered in the City of Albany as fully naturalized citizens shall not be required to exhibit their citizenship papers. If the elector is registered by the recorder in person, he shall sign his own name in attestation thereof, and if the elector is registered by a deputy, then, in addition to the name of the recorder, the deputy registering the elector shall sign his name, at length in attestation thereof.

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Section 4. The Recorder or his duly authorized deputy shall register any qualified elector who may request to be registered at any time between the 30th day of September and the 15th day next preceding the regular general municipal election of each year, and shall refuse to register any elector during the 15 days next preceding any general or special election held in said city; provided that the Recorder shall keep open the Register of Electors for a period of 15 days next preceding the 15th day prior to all special elections, and during said period all voters of said city who desire to vote at such special election, and who otherwise may be entitled to vote at such election and have not registered as herein provided, shall register.

Section 5. Any elector who has not registered as provided by this ordinance may register on election day by giving the information provided for in section 3 of this ordinance and making oath to the same before one of the Judges of the Election Board where he desires to vote and on the back of the card furnished for this purpose. He shall also secure the affidavits of two freeholders who are personally acquainted with the elector and his qualifications as an elector, which affidavits shall be on the same card as above and shall be substantially the following form;

Registration Blank A.

(For use before the Election Board only).

We, the undersigned witnesses, each for himself, do hereby swear that we have hereto subscribed our names and addresses and are freeholders of Albany, Oregon; that we are personally acquainted with the elector named on the back hereof and know that his residence as stated is correct, and believe all his other statements are true.

Signature

Address

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 19____.

Judge of Election.

Section 6. As long as the elector resides in the ward in which he registers and votes at, at least, one municipal election every two years in the City of Albany he shall not be required to register again. If the elector fails to vote for a period of more than two years as stated above, he shall re-register, except as provided in Section 3 of this ordinance. If the elector moves to another ward, or if he desires to change from one political party to another, or if the name of the elector is changed by marriage, he may re-register at his request. On the back of the card containing such re-registration he shall cause his former registration to be cancelled in substantially the following form;

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Registration Blank 7.
(To be used when re-registering).

I hereby request that my previous registration in the _____ ward in the City of Albany, Oregon be cancelled for the reason that _____

Recorder of the City of Albany.

Signature of Elector.

Section 7. The Recorder shall arrange the cards for each ward in alphabetical order according to surname., He shall then make a list of all registered voters in each ward in alphabetical order, certify to and transmit the same to the respective election boards of said city for their use on election day.

Section 8. During the months of January and February next following the regular city election held in December 1916 and biennially thereafter during the same period of time the Recorder shall compare the poll books of all municipal elections held in said city during the previous two years, with the Register of Electors, and if it appears that any one is on said Register who does not appear on said poll books to have voted at, at least, one such election during said periods, the Recorder shall remove said card from the Register of Electors. Said cards so removed shall be retained for the period of one year and shall then be destroyed. Any person whose card is so removed from the Register of Electors shall be notified by the recorder by sending a notice to his address as appears on said card within five days from the time that his registration is so removed. The said notice may be on a postal card and in substantially the following form;

" It appearing that you have not voted in the _____ ward in the City of Albany, Oregon at any election for a period of two years you are hereby notified that in pursuance of the law your registration will be cancelled unless this card is returned within ten days from the date hereof.

Dated at Albany, Oregon _____ 19____.

Recorder of the City of Albany.

I hereby certify that I still live in the above ward and request that my name remain on the Register of Electors.

Signature of Elector.

If said card is returned within ten days signed by the elector, the Recorder shall file his card in the proper place in the Register of Electors, otherwise he shall permanently cancel said registration.

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Section 9. Any elector who may complete his residence or who may attain the age of 21 years during the period in which the Register is closed next preceding any election at which he desires to vote, may register during such period, but the recorder shall endorse on the registration card in red ink these words " Qualified to vote _____ 19____."

Section 10. Any officer of said City, Judge or Clerk of election who shall wilfully fail to perform or enforce any of the provisions of this ordinance, or any person who shall wilfully or fraudulently register more than once without cancelling his former registration or register under any but his true name, or attempt to vote by impersonating another who is registered, contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, or wilfully register in any ward where he is not a resident at the time of registering, upon conviction thereof in the Recorder's Court shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment in the City Jail for not less than ten nor more than fifty days.

Passed by the Council Aug 9 1916.

Approved Aug 9 1916.

L. M. Curl,

Mayor.

Attest;

L. G. Lewelling,

Recorder of the City of Albany.

STATE OF OREGON, }
County of Linn. } ss.

I, L. G. Lewelling, Recorder of the City of Albany, in Linn County, and State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing and annexed copy of Ordinance No. 873 has been by me carefully compared with the original Ordinance Bill No. 957 now on file in my office, and that it is a true and correct copy of all and the whole of said Ordinance Bill No. 957, passed by the Council August 9th, 1916, and approved August 9th, 1916.

WITNESS my hand and official signature and the seal of the City of Albany this 2nd day of October, 1916.

Lewelling
Recorder of the City of Albany.