To implement Ranked Choice Voting, add following in Section 1-7: Definitions

(p) Ranked Choice Voting - the words "ranked choice voting" shall mean an election system in which voters rank the candidates for an office in order of preference; provided, however, that ranked choice voting shall only apply to a ballot on which there are not less than 2 candidates. Each voter shall cast a single vote by ranking candidates in order of preference, indicating the voter's first choice, second choice, third choice and continuing until the voter has assigned a single numerical ranking to each candidate on the ballot or until the voter chooses to stop ranking. If 1 candidate receives at least 50 per cent of the first choice votes cast for the office in the election, that candidate shall be declared the winner. If no candidate receives at least 50 per cent of the first choice votes cast in the first round, an instant runoff shall automatically occur. In an instant runoff, the candidate receiving the least number of votes in the prior round shall be deemed the withdrawn candidate and shall be withdrawn from the election. The highest ranked non-withdrawn candidate of each voter shall be the voter's first choice vote and such first choice vote shall be used in calculating the total number of votes for each remaining non-withdrawn candidate. The instant runoff process shall be repeated until a candidate shall have received at least 50 per cent of the total first choice votes cast for the office in the election and, at such time, the winner shall be declared. A ranked choice voting ballot shall not interfere with a voter's ability to rank at least 1 write-in candidate.

Need following edits to allow Ranked Choice Voting

Rename Section 7-2: ELECTION PROCESS

Delete current 7-2 (a)

Replace with New 7-2a

7-2 (a) All City elections will use ranked choice voting as defined in the Charter Section 1-7:

Definitions

Amend first sentence 7-2 (b) as follows:

The number of signatures of voters required to place the name of a candidate on the ballot for a

City election shall be as follows: *[remainder same as current]*

Delete sections 7-2 (d) and 7-2 (e) entirely