

ORDINANCE NO. ____
CITY OF CHAMPLIN
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL CERTAIN VACANCIES IN ELECTED OFFICES AT TIMES OTHER THAN THE REGULAR CITY GENERAL ELECTION

The City Council of Champlin, Minnesota ordains:

CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE II – CITY COUNCIL; SECTION 2-23 – DATE OF ELECTION:

SUBSECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

City. The City of Champlin, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota.

General Election. A “general election” is an election held at regular intervals on a day determined by law or charter at which the voters of the state or any of its subdivisions choose by ballot public officials or presidential electors.

Special Election. A “special election” is an election held at any time to fill vacancies in public offices.

Vacancy. A vacancy occurs for the reasons stated in Minnesota Statute Section 351.02 or other state law.

SUBSECTION 2. APPOINTMENT TO VACANCY

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 412.02, subd. 2a, a person shall be appointed to fill the vacancy until the special election is held and the winner of the special election is qualified to take office.

SUBSECTION 3. SPECIAL ELECTION TIMING

If a vacancy occurs and a special election to fill the unexpired term is required pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 412.02, subd. 2a, and the City Council determines it is in the best interest of the city to conduct a special election at a time other than the next regular city election, then the special election must be held on one of the uniform election dates pursuant to Minn. Stat. 205.10, subd. 3a. The City Council has determined that a special election shall be held on May 12, 2026 to fill the unexpired term of Ward 3 Councilmember Nate Truesdell.

SUBSECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

SUBSECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication and will expire on December 31, 2026.