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Sec. 8-9. Elections; rotation of names of candidates on ballot.

(a) In all municipal elections, including recall elections, the position of names of candidates for any particular office shall be alternated upon the ballots used within the City of Peoria so that the names of each candidate shall appear substantially an equal number of times at the top, at the bottom and in each intermediate place of the list or group of candidates in which they belong insofar as may be practicable. For purposes of this chapter, "names" refers to the last name of candidates

(b) At any election in which there are more candidates for office than seats to be filled, the candidate's names will be listed on the ballot in straight alphabetical order. However, the initial alphabetical order used will be determined by drawing by lot one alphabetic letter out of the total 26 letter alphabet. The drawing will be held by the City Clerk following the deadline for submission of nomination papers to run for office at a city primary, special or recall election.

(c) The alphabet letter that is drawn shall be used as the starting point of the alphabetical listing of all candidates' names on the ballot.

(1) In the case of city elections not held in conjunction with a countywide or statewide election, the initial order of candidates names as determined by the drawing will be listed on the ballot for the polling location designated in section 8-8(b) above as no. 1.

(2) In the case of city elections held in conjunction with the statewide election, the initial order of candidates names as determined by the drawing will be listed on the ballot based on the total number of registered voters in each precinct within each council district as of January 1 in the year that the election is being held in accordance with guidelines as may be established from time to time by the Maricopa County elections department..

(d) Thereafter the names of the candidates for each respective office shall be consecutively rotated in each successive numbered polling place area by moving the candidates name listed in the first position to the last position and by moving up one position the names of each other candidate. Only one form of ballot within each polling place area is necessary.

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(e) For city council district elections the same letter drawn by the clerk shall be used to start the rotation of candidates with the rotation proceeding in alphabetical order according to numerical order of designation of polling place locations in accordance with the guidelines as may be established from time to time by the Maricopa County elections department.

(f) The city clerk shall maintain, as part of the official files of the election, any papers or items used for any drawings conducted to determine the rotation of candidates names on the ballot for the primary, general and special elections in the same manner as required by law for other administrative election records. Such papers are deemed a public record and are open for inspection or copying in the same manner as other public records.

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