

ARTICLE

Section . Rank choice voting; instant runoff tabulation.

For the position of mayor only, the city clerk shall implement a ranked choice voting protocol according to these guidelines:

(1) The ballot shall give voters the option of ranking candidates in order of preference.

(2) If a candidate receives a majority (defined as fifty percent [50%] of the votes plus one or more votes) of first preferences, that candidate is elected.

(3) If no candidate receives a majority of first preferences, an instant runoff re-tabulation shall be performed by the city clerk within five (5) business days of the election. The instant runoff re-tabulation shall be conducted in rounds. In each round, each voter's ballot shall count as a single vote for whichever candidate the voter has ranked highest and has not been eliminated in a prior round. The candidate with the fewest votes after each round in which no candidate receives a majority of votes shall be eliminated and the votes re-tabulated until one candidate receives a majority.

(4) The city clerk may adopt additional regulations consistent with this subsection to implement these standards. The ballot shall contain instructions on how to vote for each office.