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15-1-1 WARD ESTABLISHMENT

The corporate limits of the City of St. Elmo are hereby divided into three wards as follows:

Ward 1

All of the City South of Route 40, plus an area North of Route 40, described as beginning at the Intersection of Olive Street and Route 40, running thence North along Olive Street to Fifth Street, thence east along Fifth Street to the Corporation Line, thence South with the Corporation Line approximately one-half block, thence East with the Corporation Line approximately one block, thence North with the Corporation Line approximately one block, thence East along the Corporation Line and Fifth Street to Girard Street, thence North with the Corporation Line one block to the next street, thence East with the Corporation Line, thence South with the Corporation Line to Route 40, thence Southwesterly along Route 40 to the place of beginning.

Ward 2

All of the City south of Fifth Street, West of Olive Street and North of Route 40, being and area bounded on the South by Route 40, on the East by Olive Street, on the North by Fifth Street and the Pennsylvania Railway, and on the West by the Corporation Line.

Ward 3

All of the City North of Fifth Street except such part thereof as lies East of Girard Street.

15-1-2 POLLING PLACES

The corporate limits of the City of St. Elmo are hereby declared to be one election district with the polling places as follows:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Ward One of said City

Polling Place:

Avena Township Building

512 North Main Street

PRECINCT NO. 2

Ward Two of said City

Polling Place:

Avena Township Building

512 North Main Street

PRECINCT NO. 3

Polling Place:

Ward Three of said City Avena Township Building 512 North Main Street

15-1-3 ELECTION

The manner of holding and conducting any general or special election in said City and making returns thereof shall be in accordance and conform with the general election laws of the State of Illinois as provided by Statue thereof.

15-1-4 NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TO BE ELECTED

There shall be elected Mayor, City Clerk, and six (6) Aldermen, two from each Ward, who shall hold their office for a period of four (4) years, or to their successor is elected and qualified; then said elections shall be held quad-annually thereafter.

15-1-5 WHO MAY HOLD OFFICE

No person shall be elected to any office within the corporate limits of the City of St. Elmo who is not a citizen of the United States; and elector of the State of Illinois, and has resided in the City of St. Elmo for a period of one year and be qualified elector of the county and state as provided by Statue.

15-1-6 **VOTING PRACTICES**

It is hereby declared unlawful for any elector to vote for any person for the office of Alderman of said City; who does not reside in the same Ward in which said elector resides; under penalty for such willful violation of this section of a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or imprisonment as provided by statue in such cases.

15-1-7 **ELECTION RETURNS**

It shall be declared the duty of the City Council to meet at some reasonable hour on or before the 7th day after any regular or special election and canvass the returns thereof and declare the results, and cause a statement thereof to be entered on the Journal of the meeting. If the willful absence of any Alderman shall prevent the meeting of a quorum of the City Council for such canvass, such Alderman shall upon conviction be fined not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or imprisoned as provided by the Statue in such cases made and provided.