

MODIFYING § 50.02(D) CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP ON THE LA GRANGE UTILITY COMMISSION

Whereas, the City Council of the City of La Grange, Kentucky, has the authority pursuant to statute to enact Ordinances relating to the City, and

Whereas, it is desirable that specific terms concerning eligibility for membership on the La Grange Utility Commission be modified, and

Whereas, an emergency exists and is declared with respect to this ordinance. The La Grange Utility Commission is presently without a Director. This is an occasion of urgency and suddenness, where something helpful needs to be done at once. The decision making process for hiring a new Director is more than a mere exigency. A crisis exists at the Utility Commission in the absence of the leadership that a Director provides. Under the current language of the ordinance, two members of the five-member Commission have had to step down from their appointments, since they both have declared candidacy for public office. It is urgent that two additional members be appointed to the Utility Commission, so that the resources, knowledge, and abilities of a full Commission can be brought to bear upon the task at hand.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED THAT § 50.02(D) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

§ 50.02 MEMBERS.

(D) If at any time during his or her term of office a member of the Utility Commission ~~becomes a candidate for or~~ is elected to or appointed to any public office, he or she shall automatically vacate his or her membership from the Utility Commission and another person shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council to take his or her place. Notwithstanding this provision, a city council member who is appointed by the Mayor to serve on the Utility Commission may serve in both capacities.

For the reasons set forth above, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and the provisions of this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) or more of the legislative body.

FIRST READING FOR EMERGENCY ORDINANCE:
February 3, 2014

Original signature on file
BY: William Lammlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

To be a true Ordinance enacted by the City Council of the City of La Grange, Kentucky on this
3rd day of February, 2014.

Original signature on file
Clerk, City of La Grange, Kentucky

VOTE:

FOR: 6
AGAINST: 1
ABSTAINED: 1
PRESENT: 8