

ORDINANCE 8: ELECTIONS Amendments

1. This ordinance amended to follow the State Code of WV concerning elections.
2. The filing fee for candidacy for office in the Village of Beech Bottom will be \$25.00. (nonrefundable).
3. All elected offices in the Village of Beech Bottom will be for a four-year term. These offices will include Mayor, voting Recorder and five Council members.
4. When a vacancy shall occur from any cause, from any position, the position is to be filled by appointment from the council. The appointed person shall complete the remainder of the unexpired term.
5. Subject to the emergency provision set forth herein, beginning in 2026, elections shall be held during the regularly scheduled statewide primary election in accordance with W.Va. Code § 3-1-31(a). The terms of those elected will begin on July 1.
6. Emergency Provision Solely for the 2026 Election: The Village Council shall negotiate an agreement with the Brooke County Commission to establish election officials, registration books to be used, and other matters pertaining to changing the municipal election to be held on the same day as a regularly scheduled statewide primary election in 2026. To the extent that said agreement is not effectuated by February 27, 2026, the 2026 election will occur on the second Tuesday in June, with those elected taking office on July 1. All future elections shall be held as set forth herein.

MAYOR

RECORDER

1st Reading June 17, 2025
2nd Reading July 1, 2025
3rd Reading Waived