

## **OPTIONS FOR FILLING EAST WARD COUNCILMEMBER'S SEAT**

Following are the options allowed under the General Statutes and the Local Act:

### **OPTION ONE:**

Call for a special election. Each of the five recognized political parties in the county may select a candidate for the ballot and the voters of the East Ward will vote on these individuals. The selection of the candidates is handled entirely by each of the political parties. The local act/city charter does not allow for an open primary vote to select a party representative, but defers to each of the political parties to make the selection. It is possible that the ballot would have five candidates to be voted on by the voters of the East Ward.

### **OPTION TWO:**

Request that the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party select a nominee from East Ward residents and submit that name to the City Council for appointment. The Council would then follow a motion and vote procedure on this recommendation, however, the Council is not bound by this recommendation. The most recent Council (Aldermen) vacancy followed this process and the Board of Aldermen approved the recommendation from the political party of the Alderman who vacated the seat.

### **OPTION THREE:**

The City Council accepts applications from interested East Ward residents and allows each Council Member to nominate one candidate from the list of individuals who have applied. Council Members then vote until one candidate receives a majority. The person receiving a majority vote is then appointed to East Ward Council seat. In the event that the initial vote does not result in one person receiving a majority of the votes, then the top two vote getters would be allowed to make a presentation to the Council. Following the presentations, the Council would vote again until one person receives a majority.