



Headlines



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Procedure Announced for Appointment of 7th Ward Alderman

Mayor Mark W. Schwiebert has declared that “We are all saddened by the death of Dr. Frank Forlini, who served the community with distinction as the 7th Ward Alderman from 1997 until his untimely death on May 1, 2004. The many tributes recognizing Frank’s faithful service to the community and his civic-mindedness were well deserved.” Mayor Schwiebert added, “Given Frank’s concern for the good of his community, it is appropriate that we move forward presently with arrangements for the filling of the vacancy left in the position of 7th Ward Alderman.”

Accordingly, Mayor Schwiebert today announced the procedure for appointment to fill the vacancy. Appointment may be sought by any qualified voter in the 7th Ward who has resided in Rock Island for at least one year, is not delinquent in taxes owed to the City, and has not been convicted of certain specified offenses. [Applications](#) may be picked up in the Mayor’s office in City Hall beginning Friday, May 14, 2004. All such applications are to be filed with the Mayor’s Office by no later than the close of business **Friday, May 28, 2004**. Mayor Schwiebert will then review the applications with a special Screening Task Force comprised of two other members of the City Council he has asked to assist him in reviewing and narrowing the range of applications. Mayor Schwiebert has asked Alderpersons John Bauersfeld and Ann Keefe to serve in this capacity.

A nomination for appointment will then be made by Mayor Schwiebert to the full Council for their review and approval.

It is hoped that the position can be filled by no later than the middle of June 2004. Appointment will be for the remainder of Alderman Forlini’s unexpired term, until City elections in Spring, 2005.

The process to be followed is similar to that followed in 1989 and 1997, when prior vacancies occurred on the City Council between elections.

Questions may be directed to the Mayor’s Office at 732-2012.