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Appointment Procedures for 6TH Ward Alderman

It was with regret that the City received on February 14th the resignation due to health reasons of Ann Keefe, Sixth Ward Alderwoman for the City of Rock Island. [Mayor](#) Schwiebert declared "Ann's outstanding service to the City, first as a member of the Keystone Neighborhood Committee, and for the last two years as a member of the City Council, would be hard to exaggerate. Her intelligence, thoughtful analysis of issues, and wit will all be greatly missed. We now wish her the best for a full and speedy recovery from her current health challenges."

Recognizing the necessity of filling the [Sixth Ward](#) vacancy, Mayor Schwiebert announced today the procedure to be followed in appointing an alderperson to serve the Sixth Ward until the next City elections in Spring, 2007.

Applications may be picked up in the Mayor's office in City Hall beginning **Wednesday, February 23, 2005**. All such applications are to be filed with the Mayor's Office by no later than close of business on **Wednesday, March 9, 2005** at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Schwiebert will then review the applications with a special Screening Task Force comprised of two other members of the [City Council](#) he will ask to assist him in reviewing and narrowing the range of applications.

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

It is hoped that the position can be filled by early April 2005; and the appointment will be for the remainder of Alderwoman Keefe's unexpired term ending in Spring, 2007. Appointment may be sought by any qualified voter in the Sixth 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.

The process outlined above is similar to the process followed in 1989, 1997, and most recently, in May of 2004, when vacancies occurred on the City Council.

Questions regarding procedures may be directed to the Mayor's Office at 732-2012.