

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEMAHA COUNTY, NEBRASKA

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05 WHICH COMBINED AND MERGED THE POSITIONS OF DEPUTY CLERK AND GRANT COORDINATOR POSITIONS; REESTABLISHING THE POSITIONS AS SEPARATE AND DISTINCT OFFICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA;

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2024-05, which combined and merged the offices of Deputy Clerk and Grant Coordinator into a single position pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §17.108.02, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. The offices of Deputy Clerk and Grant Coordinator are hereby reestablished as separate and distinct positions within the administrative structure of the City. Each position shall perform the duties customarily associated with the respective office and any additional duties assigned by the Mayor, City Council, or City Clerk consistent with applicable law and city policy, including but not limited to:

- a) Deputy City Clerk Duties: Assisting the City Clerk with the maintenance of official city records, preparation of meeting minutes, issuance of permits and licenses, assisting with elections, and other administrative tasks as directed by the City Clerk.
- b) Grant Coordinator Duties: Researching, applying for, and managing grants on behalf of the city, including the preparation of necessary reports and financial documentation to ensure compliance with grant requirements.

SECTION 3. The compensation for the separate Deputy City Clerk position and Grant Coordinator position shall be set within the wage range as provided in the City's wage ordinance and may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with city policies and Nebraska law. The position shall be considered full-time or part-time, as determined by the City Council, and the individual employed shall be entitled to the same benefits and rights afforded to other city employees in comparable roles.

SECTION 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. Any ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect after approval and publication as provided by law.

SECTION 96. This Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form and take effect as provided by law.

Passed and approved this 19 day of May 2026, by the following votes.

Rachel Brown	Aye: _____	Nay: <u>X</u>	Absent: _____	Abstain: _____
Theresa Westfall	Aye: <u>X</u>	Nay: _____	Absent: _____	Abstain: _____
Josh Whisler	Aye: <u>X</u>	Nay: _____	Absent: _____	Abstain: _____
Brent Brown	Aye: <u>X</u>	Nay: _____	Absent: _____	Abstain: _____
Katie Novak (Mayor) (on tie breaker)	Aye: _____	Nay: _____	Absent: _____	Abstain: _____

SUSPEND
READINGS _____
(3/4 VOTE)

FIRST READING March 17, 2026
SECOND READING April 21, 2026
THIRD READING May 19, 2026

Katy Novak, Mayor of the City
of Peru, Nebraska

ATTEST:

Gerril Kirkpatrick
Clerk of the City of Peru, Nebraska





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MEMORANDUM

RE: Enactment of Ordinance No. 2026-03

Ordinance No. 2026-03 entitled; AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05 WHICH COMBINED AND MERGED THE POSITIONS OF DEPUTY CLERK AND GRANT COORDINATOR POSITIONS; REESTABLISHING THE POSITIONS AS SEPARATE AND DISTINCT OFFICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE," was passed by the Peru City Council at the regular meeting on May 19th, 2026.

On May 26, 2026, Mayor Katy Novak vetoed Ordinance No. 2026-03 in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute §17-111. The official veto is included in this Ordinance Record. On May 27, 2026, City Clerk/Treasurer Dennis Kirkpatrick served written notice of the mayoral veto via electronic mail pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute §17-111.

On June 16, 2026, the Peru City Council voted to overturn the veto in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute §17-111. In accordance with Nebraska law, Ordinance No. 2026-03 was enacted upon successful overturning of the Mayoral veto. The recorded vote for the overturning of the mayoral veto is recorded herein.

Councilmember T. Westfall moved to override the Mayoral Veto of Ordinance No. 2026-03. J. Whisler seconded the motion.

On this roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

B. Brown – AYE, T. Westfall – AYE, R. Brown – NAY, J. Whisler – AYE.

On this vote, the AYES are 3, the NAYS are 1.

Two-thirds (2/3rds) of the City Council having voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

ATTEST,

Dennis Kirkpatrick
City Clerk/Treasurer – City of Peru, NE

