

ORDINANCE NO 105

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF A MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LA JARA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LA JARA, COLORADO:

Section One. The corporate authority of the Town of La Jara shall be vested in a board of trustees, consisting of one mayor and six trustees, who shall be qualified electors residing within the limits of said town, and who shall hold office for the terms hereinafter provided. At the municipal election on the first Tuesday in April, in the year 1956, and on the first Tuesday in April every two years thereafter, there shall be elected a mayor for a term of two years, and six trustees for a term of two years. All municipal officers elected under this ordinance shall hold their office until their successors are elected and qualified, and four of said Board of Trustees shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section Two. The Board of Trustees shall direct the place of holding elections for municipal officers and any person who at the time of any election of municipal officers would be a qualified elector under the laws of the state for county officers and who shall have actually resided within the corporate limits of said Town for fifteen days last preceding the election, shall be deemed a qualified voter, and all elections for municipal officers shall in all respects be held and conducted in the manner provided by law for county elections, PROVIDED that for all such elections the Board of Trustees shall appoint Judges and Clerks of Election, and, PROVIDED that in all cases where for any reason officers of said Town have not been elected at the time and in the manner provided by law, any three of the Board of Trustees last elected at the regular election of the officers of said Town may act as Judges of Election for the election of new officers at a special election to be called by them for such purposes, and the same power and authority is hereby given to said Members of the Board of Trustees in relation to the calling and holding of such special election, as the Board of Trustees would have and now has in case such election had been called at the time and in the manner now provided by law. And the officers so elected at the special election herein provided for shall have the same powers and be vested with the same authority as if they had been elected at the regular election.

Section Three. The returns of all municipal elections in said Town shall be made to the Clerk and Recorder of said Town, and shall be opened by him on the third day after election. He shall call to his assistance the Mayor of the Town, or if there be no Mayor, or the Mayor shall have been a candidate at said election, then any Justice of the Peace within the County, and shall in his presence make out an abstract of votes cast, and ascertain the candidates elected in all respects as required by law for the canvass of the returns of county elections, and shall make out a certificate of election for each candidate elected and cause the same to be forthwith delivered to him or left at his place of abode.

Section Four. In all cases of contested elections the procedure shall be conducted in accordance with the general laws of the State of Colorado relative to contested elections for county officers.

Section Five. Whenever any person shall receive a certificate of election as a member of the Board of Trustees and shall satisfy the Board that he is duly qualified, he shall be admitted as a member of the Board of Trustees upon his taking an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Colorado, and to properly enforce and comply with the Ordinances of the Town of La Jara.

Section Six. No trustee shall, during the time for which he has been elected, or for one year thereafter, be appointed to any municipal office the emoluments of which shall have been increased during the term for which he shall have been elected, except in cases provided for in the general laws of the State of Colorado, nor shall any trustee be interested directly or indirectly in the profits of any contract work or services to be performed for said Town.

Section Seven. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Board of Trustees or any other office of the Town of La Jara, the remaining members of the Board of Trustees shall appoint a qualified person to fill such vacancy until the next election, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified.

Section Eight. All ordinances and parts of ordinances heretofore in effect which shall conflict with this ordinance or any part thereof, are hereby repealed.

Section Nine. This ordinance shall be in effect five days after its publication as is provided by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF MAY, 1954.

 J. W. Brainerd
Mayor

Attest:

 Bernice J. Sullivan
Town Clerk