

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FOUR-YEAR OVERLAPPING TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ALDERMEN AND FOUR-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK AND TREASURER

WHEREAS, the amendment to Section 12 of Article XIV of the Colorado Constitution, adopted at the 1970 general election, repealed the two-year limitation on terms of municipal officers; and

WHEREAS, passage by the General Assembly in 1971 of H.B. 1212 authorizes a City Council ordinance to provide four-year overlapping terms for alderman and four-year terms for the mayor and City Clerk and Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish four-year terms effective with the November 4, 1975 regular election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO:

1. FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR ALDERMAN. At the November 4, 1975, election, six aldermen shall be elected. The candidates for alderman in each ward receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a four-year term and the candidate for alderman in each ward receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a two-year term. At the next subsequent regular election and at each regular election thereafter, one alderman from each ward shall be elected to serve a four-year term.

2. FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR MAYOR (AND OTHER OFFICERS). At the November 4, 1975, election, and at the regular election every four years thereafter, a mayor and City Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected to serve four-year terms.

3. VACANCIES. The City Council shall have power, by appointment, to fill all vacancies in the Council or in any other elected office, and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next regular election and until his successor is elected and qualified. If the term of the person creating the vacancy was to extend beyond the next regular election, the person elected to fill the vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term.

4. REPEAL. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

5. SAFETY CLAUSE. The City Council finds, determines and declares that this action is necessary for the protection of the public peace, health and safety and shall become effective immediately upon the final passage and publication thereof.

Alfred [Signature]
Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
City Clerk and Treasurer

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