

ORDINANCE NO. 6984

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE DATE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO COINCIDE WITH AUGUST GENERAL ELECTIONS AND EXTENDING THE TERMS OF OFFICE AS AUTHORIZED BY TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 6-54-138; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, as follows:

SECTION I. Notwithstanding the charter of the city to the contrary Tennessee Code Annotated Section 6-54-138 authorizes the board of mayor and aldermen by ordinance to move the date of municipal elections to coincide with the August general election, and accordingly the board hereby moves the city election for all elected officials of the city to the first Thursday in August in each even year, starting with 2024, or such other date for the August General Election as set by the State of Tennessee.

SECTION II. That pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 6-54-138 the term of office for Mayor Pat Shull, Alderman Darrell Duncan, Alderman Tommy Olterman, and Alderman James Phillips, or anyone appointed to replace them, shall be extended from the first board meeting in July, 2023, to and including August 31, 2024.

SECTION III. That pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 6-54-138 the term of office for Alderman Betsy Cooper, Alderman Colette George, and Alderman Paul W. Montgomery, or anyone appointed to replace them, shall be extended from the first board meeting in July, 2025, to and including August 31, 2026.

SECTION IV. That pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 6-54-138 the term of office for School Board Member Julie Byers, School Board Member Todd Golden, and School Board Member Jim Welch, or anyone appointed to replace them, shall be extended from July 1, 2023, to and including August 31, 2024.

SECTION V. That pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 6-54-138 the term of office for School Board Member Brandon Fletcher, and School Board Member Melissa Woods, or anyone appointed to replace them, shall be extended from July 1, 2025, to and including August 31, 2026.

SECTION VI. That anyone elected in the August election for the board of mayor and aldermen or the board of education shall take office on September 1 following the August election.

SECTION VII. That the mayor is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this ordinance with the state coordinator of elections, as required by Tennessee Code Annotated Section 6-54-138, and with the Sullivan County Election Commission.

SECTION VIII. That the board finds that the actions authorized by this ordinance are for a public purpose and will promote the health, comfort and prosperity of the citizens of the city.

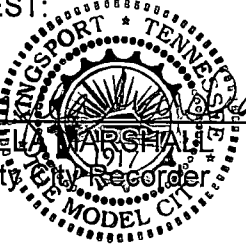
SECTION IX. That all ordinances or resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION X. That this ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage as the law directs, the public welfare of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee, requiring it.

Patrick W. Shull
PATRICK W. SHULL, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Marshall
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Deputy City Recorder



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

J. Michael Billingsley
J. MICHAEL BILLINGSLEY, City Attorney

PASSED ON 1ST READING: December 7, 2021

PASSED ON 2ND READING: December 21, 2021