
ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE

Sec. 2. Election and terms.

On the second Tuesday in March a general election shall be held to elect members of the city commission. Election dates affected by any countywide or statewide election held in March will coincide with the date for the countywide or statewide election. The election of members of the city commission, except the mayor, shall be by districts to be known as Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4. The commissioners from Districts 2 and 4 shall be elected to three-year terms. Commissioners from Districts 1 and 3 shall be elected to three-year terms. The mayor shall be elected to a three-year term. No person may serve as mayor for more than two consecutive full terms, and no person may serve as commissioner for more than two consecutive full terms. The offices of mayor and commissioner will be considered separate offices for the purpose of such consecutive term limits. If a person serves two consecutive full terms in the same office, he or she may become eligible to serve in the same office again only after not serving as an elected (or an appointed) official in the city for twenty-three (23) months. Further, no person shall serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years as a city elected official. If a person serves twelve (12) consecutive years as a city elected official, he or she may become eligible to serve again only after not serving as an elected (or an appointed) official in the city for twenty-three (23) months. The term limits and twelve year maximum limit will be applicable to any individual elected to a full term of office on or after the March 2022 election. As used in this section, the term "appointed" means appointed to serve as a commissioner or mayor. The mayor and each commissioner shall serve until a successor has been duly qualified, elected and **the election results certified by resolution of the city commission**, or upon appointment, by resolution of the city commission. **Such resolution shall be considered at the special meeting called to canvass the ballots, and shall be the order of business next following the canvass of ballots.** Such special meeting shall be held no later than forty-eight hours after election results are furnished in writing to the city clerk by the supervisor of elections. No meeting shall be called, or business conducted by the city commission, except for emergency matters, after the polls close, until such time as the results of such election are canvassed.

(Ord. No. 2007-11, § 2, 2-6-07; Ord. No. 2012-28, § 2, 8-7-12; Ord. No. 2015-08, § 2, 8-18-15; Ord. No. 2017-01, § 2, 1-10-17, passed at referendum 3-14-17; Ord. No. 2021-20, § 7, 12-7-21, election of 3-8-22)
