

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE CALLING AND HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF NORMAN, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ON THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID CITY THE QUESTION OF APPROVING OR REJECTING ORDINANCE O-2526-34, WHICH ORDINANCE AMENDS ARTICLE II, SECTION 2 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO MOVE THE BEGINNING DATE OF COUNCILMEMBER AND MAYORAL TERMS TO THE FIRST TUESDAY FOLLOWING SCHEDULED RUN-OFF ELECTIONS BEGINNING IN 2028 FOR EVEN-NUMBERED WARDS, 2029 FOR ODD-NUMBERED WARDS, AND 2031 FOR MAYORAL TERMS; ARTICLE V, SECTION 2 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO ALLOW FOR ALTERNATIVE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS BEYOND CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT TO QUALIFY FOR THE POSITION OF CITY AUDITOR; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF .

- § 1. WHEREAS, the City Council has discussed possible amendments to the Charter over the last several months; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, City Council has deemed it advisable to move forward with submission to the voters a proposed amendment that would result in Councilmembers and the Mayor being sworn in for new terms closer to the election date; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, said amendment to the beginning date of Councilmember and Mayoral terms has been crafted to ensure the current terms and terms for which elections have already been scheduled will not be impacted by the change; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, City Council has deemed it advisable to move forward with submission to the voters a proposed amendment that would allow for alternative professional certifications beyond certified public accountant in order to qualify for the position of City Auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 5. **PROPOSITION 3**

Shall Section 2 of Article II of the Charter of the City of Norman be amended to change the beginning of Councilmember and Mayoral terms from the first Tuesday in July to the first Tuesday following scheduled run-off elections beginning in 2028 for Councilmembers representing even-numbered wards, 2029 for Councilmembers representing odd-numbered wards, and 2031 for the Mayor position, as more particularly described in Ordinance O-2526-34?

§ 6. **PROPOSITION 4**

Shall Section 2 of Article V of the Charter of the City of Norman be amended to allow for alternative professional certifications other than Certified Public Accountant, including

Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Fraud Examiner, or equivalent certifications to qualify for the position of City Auditor, as more particularly described in Ordinance O-2526-34?

§ 7 Election Procedures. That with respect to the election to be held on April 7, 2026:

a. The number and location of the polling places, the hours of opening and closing of the polls, and the names of the officers who shall conduct the election shall be the same as the regular polling places and persons prescribed and selected by the Cleveland County Election Board for elections in Norman, Oklahoma. As provided in Title 26, Oklahoma Statutes Section 13-103, the City authorizes the Cleveland County Election Board to open all precinct polling places located within the municipal boundaries of the City.

b. That the Special Election Proclamation and Notice of even date, a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk and which is incorporated herein by reference, calling said election is hereby approved in all respects, and the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem is hereby authorized to execute said Special Election Proclamation and Notice on behalf of the City, and the City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest and affix the seal of the City to said Special Election Proclamation and Notice, and to cause a copy of said Special Election Proclamation and Notice to be published as required by law, and a copy thereof delivered to the Cleveland County Election Board.

c. That the City Clerk shall serve or cause to be served, a copy of this Ordinance and the Special Election Proclamation and Notice upon the office of the Cleveland County Election Board at least sixty days prior to the date of the election as required by law.

§ 8. That the amendments of the City Charter proposed herein shall be effective provided by law.

§ 9. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk