

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AMENDING 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; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS AND AS PROVIDED BY LAW; 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:

- § 1. That, Section 1 of Article II of the Charter of the City of Norman, Oklahoma be amended to read as follows:

2. - Term of office.

The term of Councilmembers shall be for a period of two years. The terms of Councilmembers chosen to represent Council wards two (2), four (4), six (6), and eight (8) shall ~~expire~~begin on the first Tuesday of July of the next even numbered year after their election through July 2026. Beginning in 2028, the terms of Councilmembers chosen to represent even-numbered wards shall begin at six-thirty in the evening (6:30pm) on the first Tuesday following the date of the scheduled run-off election for such offices.

The term of Councilmembers chosen to represent Council wards one (1), three (3), five (5), and seven (7) shall ~~expire~~begin on the first Tuesday of July of the next odd numbered year after their election through July 2027. Beginning in 2029, the terms of

Councilmembers chosen to represent odd-numbered wards shall begin at six-thirty in the evening (6:30pm) on the first Tuesday following the date of the scheduled run-off election for such offices.

Each elected officer shall continue to hold and to perform the duties of his office until his successor is elected and qualified, unless he is removed or forfeits his office under other provisions of this Charter.

~~The term of office of the Mayor elected at regular elections,~~ Elections for Mayor shall ~~be occur every~~ three (3) years. The term of the Mayor shall ~~expire~~ begin on the first Tuesday of July and each three (3) years thereafter through July 2028. Beginning with the 2031 election, and every third year thereafter, the term of the Mayor shall begin at six-thirty in the evening (6:30pm) on the first Tuesday following the date of the scheduled run-off election for such offices.

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- § 2. That, Section 2 of Article V of the Charter of the City of Norman, Oklahoma be amended to read as follows:

2 Appointment and Removal of City Auditor

Council shall by an affirmative vote of five (5) members appoint a City Auditor, who shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council as a full-time at-will employee. He or she shall be chosen by the Council solely upon the basis of his or her qualifications, including graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in accounting, finance or a related field, proof of having obtained one of the following professional certifications: Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), or other equivalent professional certification, and with a minimum of five (5) years of professional level experience in auditing, and without regard to age, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex or place of birth, and need not, when appointed, be a resident of the City or State. No member of the Council shall, during the time for which he is elected, be chosen City Auditor, nor for two years after he or she ceases to be a member. In case of absence or disability of the City Auditor, the Council may designate some qualified person to perform the duties of the office during such absence or disability. The City Auditor may be removed or suspended at any time, upon an affirmative vote of five (5) members of the Council. Should at least four (4) Councilmembers desire that a majority of Council discuss removal or suspension of the City Auditor, then a notice of such a request shall be filed with the City Clerk, who shall then place an item for Executive Session for that purpose on the Agenda of the next regularly scheduled Council meeting or at a special meeting of the Council called for that purpose. In the event Council should desire to suspend or remove the City Auditor following the Executive Session, an additional item shall be included on the same Agenda of the meeting in which the Executive Session is to be held to consider immediate suspension or removal of the City Auditor. If the Council suspends or removes the City Auditor from office, the Council may provide for the temporary performance of the City

Auditor's duties. The action of the Council in suspending or removing the City Auditor shall be final, it being the intention of this Charter to vest all authority and fix all responsibility for such suspension or removal in the Council.

- § 3. That, the remaining portions of the Articles and Sections referred to herein shall remain unchanged.
- §4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon approval by a majority of the qualified electors voting at a Special Election to be held on April 7, 2026, and as otherwise provided by law.
- § 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, except, that the effective date provision shall not be severable from the operative provisions of the ordinance.

ADOPTED this _____ day
of _____, 2026.

NOT ADOPTED this _____ day
Of _____, 2026.

Mayor

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk