

# ORDINANCE NO. 2-2023

## AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE POSITION OF VICE MAYOR AS ASSISTANT MAYOR AS CONTEMPLATED BY STATUTE AND ESTABLISHING A ROTATION ORDER FOR SAID POSITION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**WHEREAS**, traditionally, every two years the Board of Directors elects from among their membership a “vice mayor” (being the same position as the position of “assistant mayor” contemplated by Ark. Code Ann. Section 14-47-117); and

**WHEREAS**, said statutory provision allows for the establishment of a rotation structure for such position; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to establish a rotation order for such position as contemplated herein;

**NOW, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, that:

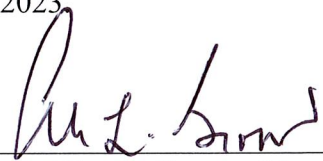
**Section 1.** Section 2-52 of the Code, being a provision likely contrary to applicable law (including, without limitation, Ark. Code Ann. 14-47-119) is deleted, and the following is substituted therefore:

Sec. 2-52. – Assistant Mayor and Rotation of Assistant Mayor Position.

- a) The position traditionally known as “vice-mayor” is now formally designated and shall be hereafter known as “assistant mayor” and carry with it the powers and duties contemplated by Ark. Code. Ann. Section 14-47-117, or any successor thereto.
- b) The position of assistant mayor shall be rotated among the membership of the board of directors as follows:
  - 1) Term. The assistant mayor's term shall be for one year commencing on the first day of January of each year.
  - 2) Rotation order. The assistant mayor's position shall be rotated among the directors in the following order: Ward 1, Ward 6, Ward 2, Ward 4, Ward 5, Ward 3. At the first regular board meeting in January of each year, the mayor shall announce the director who will be serving as assistant mayor for that term.

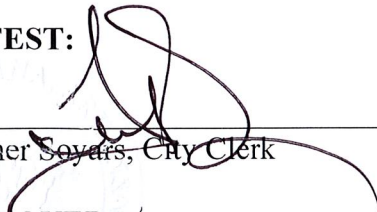
- 3) Succession. Should a director not desire or otherwise be unable to serve a term as assistant mayor, the next willing director in the rotation order shall serve. A director is not prohibited from serving two terms as assistant mayor but shall not serve two consecutive terms unless there is no other director willing to serve.
  - 4) Acting mayor. In the event that both the mayor and the assistant mayor should be absent or disabled from performing their duties, the next willing director in the rotation order shall serve as acting mayor during such absence or disability and no longer. This paragraph (4) shall have no effect on the provisions of (1), (2), or (3) above.
- c) The first term under the rotation structure (Ward 1) contemplated hereby shall commence January 1, 2023.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

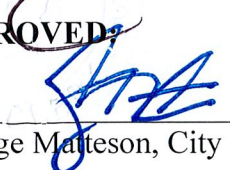


Allen L. Brown, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Heather Soyars, City Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
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George Matteson, City Attorney