

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-__

CITY OF TONTITOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF ELECTING TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM EACH WARD TO FOUR YEAR TERMS AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council has discovered that growth in the City and various other changes in the City have increased the complexity of governing well significantly; and

WHEREAS, in order for an elected official to grasp and understand the needs of the citizens and community and to fully evaluate the capacity of city government to address those needs, requires great study and seeking experienced counsel in diverse disciplines; and

WHEREAS, the Tontitown City Council has determined that it would be in the best interests and benefit to the community to have citizens determine if council members should serve for four (4) years upon election to enable their elected officials adequate time to learn their responsibilities and be more productive in their roles as members of the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Tontitown that:

Section 1. That there be, and there is hereby called, an election to be held on _____ at which election there shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Tontitown, Arkansas, the question of electing two council members from each ward to four (4) year terms, which four year terms will be effective in 202__ for half the aldermen elected in 202__ and thereafter as provided in Ark. Code Ann. § 14-43-312 (a) (2) (A) and (B).

Section 2. The Council hereby adopts four (4) year terms for aldermen elected in 202__ and thereafter as provided in Ark. Code Ann. § 14-43-312 (a) (2) (A) and (B), however, this Ordinance shall not be effective until after the election called in Section 1 above has been held and the four (4) year alderman terms has been approved by the voters.

Section 3. That the question of electing aldermen to four (4) year terms shall be placed on the ballot for the election in substantially the following form: The question presented is whether aldermen for the City of Tontitown elected in 202__ and thereafter shall serve four (4) year terms rather than two-year terms beginning in 202__ as provided by Ark. Code. Ann. § 14-43-312.

FOUR (4) YEAR ALDERMAN TERMS

Vote for or against electing aldermen for each ward in the City of Tontitown for four (4) year terms to begin with half of those aldermen elected at the general election held in November 202__ and to begin with the other half of the aldermen elected at the general election in 202__.

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Section 4. That the election shall be held and conducted, and the vote canvassed, and the results declared under the law and in the manner now provided for municipal elections unless otherwise provided in the Authorizing Legislation and only qualified voters of the City shall have the right to vote at the election.

Section 5. That the result of the election shall be proclaimed by the Mayor, and his Proclamation shall be published one time in a newspaper published in the City and having a bonafide circulation therein, which Proclamation shall advise that the results as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless attacked in the courts within thirty (30) days after the date of publication.

Section 6. That a copy of this ordinance shall be given to the Washington County Board of Election Commissioners so that the necessary election officials and supplies may be provided.

Section 7. The Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer, for and on behalf of the City, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to call and hold the election as herein provided.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2022.

APPROVED:

Angela Russell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer