



STATE OF ARKANSAS
City of Brookland

ORDINANCE 2022-07

AN ORDINANCE REFERRING THE QUESTION OF ELECTING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO FOUR-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS TO THE ELECTORS AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF BROOKLAND, ARKANSAS AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2022, the City Council of the City of Brookland, Arkansas, passed Ordinance No. 2022-06, providing that council members from each ward be elected to four (4) year staggered terms in accordance with §14-43-312 (the "Authorizing Legislation"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to call a special election on the question of electing council members to four (4) year staggered terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BROOKLAND CITY COUNCIL as follows:

Section 1: That there is called a general election to be held on November 8, 2022, at which election there shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Brookland, Arkansas, the question of electing council members to four (4) year staggered terms.

Section 2: That the question of electing council members to four (4) year staggered terms shall be placed on the ballot for the election in substantially the following form:

Vote on measure by placing an "X" in the square opposite the measure either FOR or AGAINST:

On the question of electing council members to four (4) year staggered terms.

FOR adoption of electing council members to four-year staggered terms []

AGAINST adoption of electing council members to four-year staggered terms []

Section 3: That the election shall be held and conducted, and the vote canvassed, and the results declared under the laws and in the manner now provided for municipal elections unless otherwise provided in the Authorizing Legislation, and that only qualified voters of the City of Brookland, Arkansas, shall have the right to vote at the election.

Section 4: That a copy of this Ordinance shall be given to the Craighead County Board of Election Commissioners in order that the necessary election officials and supplies may be provided.

Section 5: That the Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City of Brookland, Arkansas, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to refer this question at the next general election as herein provided.

Section 6: Repealer Clause: That all Ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7: Severability. That if any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or other provision or portion of this ordinance is adjudged to be invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by any court with jurisdiction to make such determination, then such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision other than the part adjudged to be invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, and the remaining parts and provisions of this ordinance shall be construed as if such invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable provision or provisions had never been contained herein.

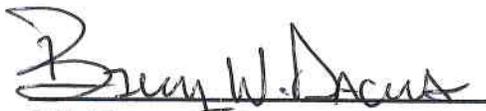
Section 8: Emergency Clause. It is hereby ascertained and declared that there is a great need to refer the question of electing council members to four (4) year staggered terms to the electors in time to take advantage of the general election already being held in the City of Brookland, Arkansas, on November 8, 2022, and in order to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Brookland, Arkansas, and its inhabitants. Therefore, it is declared that an emergency exists and this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, and safety shall be in force and take effect immediately from and after its passage.

Approved and adopted this 9th day of May 2022.



Kenneth D. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:



Billy Dacus, Clerk

