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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-17

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AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF HIGHFILL, ARKANSAS, THE QUESTION OF ELECTION OF TWO (2) COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM EACH WARD TO FOUR-YEAR TERMS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it appears to the City Council of the City of Highfill, Arkansas, that the voters of the City of Highfill should determine whether Council Members serving in the City of Highfill, Arkansas should be elected on the basis of two (2) Council Members from each Ward to four-year terms, except for the initial terms as hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHFILL, ARKANSAS:

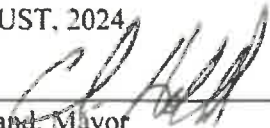
SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Highfill at the next general election, the question of whether Highfill Council Members shall thereafter be elected on the basis of two (2) Council Members from each Ward to four-year terms, except for a transitional period that the Council Member position number two from each Ward will be elected to an initial two-year term and thereafter elected to four-year terms, thereby resulting in staggered terms, with one (1) Council Member being elected to a four year term from each Ward every two (2) years.

SECTION 2. Said question shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Highfill in the November, 2024 General Election, with the initial four year terms for the council member designated at "Council Member Number One" of each Ward shall be a four-year term, commencing with the November, 2026 general election.

SECTION 3. The initial term for the council member designated as "Council Member Number Two" of each Ward shall be a two year term at the November, 2026 general election, and shall thereafter be a four-year term, all in accordance with Ark. Code Annot., Section 14-44-103.

SECTION 4: Emergency. It is hereby declared that an emergency exists in that this matter must be submitted to the Benton County Election Commission forthwith for placement on the November Ballot. Accordingly, this Ordinance, being necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Highfill, Arkansas, shall be in effect immediately upon its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024


Chris Holland, Mayor

ATTEST:


Eleni Parsons, Recorder



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