

ORDINANCE NUMBER 3334

“AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI OF THE STILLWATER CITY CHARTER, BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1 ANNUAL ELECTIONS, THREE YEAR TERMS, ELECTION AT LARGE, NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION THEREOF TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY AT THE NEXT CITY GENERAL ELECTION.”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA:

Section 1:

That the following amendment to the Charter of the City of Stillwater, Oklahoma, is hereby proposed by the City Council of said City and shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said City at the next City General Election, to-wit: **April 5, 2016**, in accordance with the Stillwater City Charter and applicable state laws. It is the purpose and intention of this Council to enact this Ordinance for the purpose of calling and holding said election in order that said proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Stillwater on that date and same shall be effective if approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon by the qualified voters of the City of Stillwater voting at said election.

Section 2:

That the proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Stillwater, Oklahoma, shall read as follows, to-wit:

Section 6-1. - Annual elections—Allocation of seats--Three-year terms—Election at large—Nonpartisan elections—Term Limit.

A primary election and a general election shall be proclaimed every year.

The councilors elected hereafter shall be numbered one (1), two (2), three (3) and four (4). The mayor shall be designated councilor no. five (5).

~~In 1970 and every third year thereafter, a mayor shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. In 1968 and every third year thereafter, councilor no. 1 and councilor no. 2 shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. In 1969 and every third year thereafter, councilor no. 3 and councilor no. 4 shall be elected for terms of three (3) years.~~

In 2017, councilor no. 3 shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. In 2020 and every fourth year thereafter, councilor no. 3 shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. In 2017 and every fourth year thereafter, councilor no. 4 shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. In 2018 and every fourth year thereafter, councilor no. 5 shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. In 2019 and every fourth year thereafter, councilor no. 1 and councilor no. 2 shall be elected for terms of four (4) years.

The terms of the mayor and other councilors shall begin at noon (12:00 p.m.) on the first Monday following certification of the election results by the election board secretary. If a mayor-elect or a councilor-elect fails to qualify within one (1) month after the beginning of his or her term, his or her election shall be void.

The mayor and other councilors shall serve for the terms for which they are elected and until their successors are elected and qualify.

~~No person shall be elected to the city council for more than two (2) full terms in succession. A mayor or councilor elected pursuant to section 2.10 to complete the unexpired term of another mayor or councilor shall not be disqualified from seeking election to two (2) additional successive full terms as provided herein.~~

Any person elected to the office of mayor or councilor after January 1, 2017 shall be eligible to serve no more than twelve (12) years on the City Council. Years served on

the City Council need not be consecutive. The years served by any member elected or appointed to serve less than a full City Council term to fill a vacancy in office shall not be included in the twelve (12) year limitation set forth herein; but no mayor or councilor who has completed twelve (12) years in office shall thereafter be eligible to serve a partial term. A mayor or councilor who is serving a City Council term in office or who has been elected or appointed to serve a term in office on the effective date hereof shall be entitled to complete his or her term and shall be eligible to serve an additional twelve (12) years thereafter.

Section 3:

That in compliance with Title 11, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 13-111, said proposed Charter amendment, as above set forth, shall be filed with the City Clerk of the City of Stillwater, Oklahoma. Said proposed Charter amendment and an announcement of the date for the charter election shall be published once per week in a newspaper of general circulation in said City of Stillwater for at least three (3) consecutive weeks. The election shall be held no less than twenty (20) days nor more than thirty (30) days after the last publication thereof.

Section 4:

If a majority of the registered qualified voters of the City of Stillwater voting on the questions vote in the affirmative, the proposed Charter amendment shall be properly certified and presented to the Governor of the State of Oklahoma for approval.

ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF THE CITIZENS OF STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA ON THE _____ DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

GINA J. NOBLE, MAYOR

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

ELIZABETH CHRZ, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

JOHN E. DORMAN, CITY ATTORNEY

First Reading: 2-1-16
Second Reading: 3-7-16