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ORDINANCE NO. 16-08

AN ORDINANCE REFERRING TO VOTERS OF GRAVETTE, ARKANSAS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF ALDERMEN FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS BY ELECTING EVERY TWO YEARS ONE ALDERMAN FROM EACH WARD TO A FOUR YEAR TERM THIS RESULTING IN STAGGERED TERMS PURSUANT TO ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §14-43-312; TO SET A DATE FOR SUCH ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Gravette, Arkansas, a city of the first class having fewer than fifty thousand inhabitants, currently has six aldermen which represents three wards within the city; and

WHEREAS, THE City Council believes that the best interest of the city will be served by changing the terms of office for aldermen from two-year terms to staggered four-year terms to provide better continuity and stability in city government; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to refer to the voters of Gravette, Arkansas the opportunity to change the terms of office for aldermen as allowed by Arkansas Law

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

Section 1. The Gravette City Council hereby refers to the voters of Gravette, Arkansas the question of electing one alderman from each ward to four-year terms, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §14-43-312;

Section 2. Said question shall be presented to the voters of Gravette, Arkansas, on the ballot of the next general election, which is scheduled to be held on November 8, 2016.

Section 3. That the question of electing one alderman from each ward for four year terms shall be placed on the ballot for the election in substantially the following manner;

Vote on measure by placing an "X" in the square opposite the measure either for or against;

FOR adoption to elect one alderman from each ward in the City of Gravette, Arkansas, to four-year terms, with alderman representing position one from each ward to be elected to four-year terms at the next general election (November 6, 2018), with each alderman holding position two to be elected to a two-year term at the next general election (November 6, 2018), and thereafter elected to four-year terms, resulting in staggered terms with one alderman being elected to a four-year term from each ward in the City of Gravette, Arkansas every two years.....

AGAINST adoption to elect one alderman from each ward in the City of Gravette, Arkansas, to four-year terms, with alderman representing position one from each ward to be elected to four-year terms at the next general election (November 6, 2018), with each alderman holding position two to be elected to a two-year term at the next general election (November 6, 2018), and thereafter elected to four-year terms, resulting in staggered terms with one alderman being elected to a four-year term from each ward in the City of Gravette, Arkansas every two years.....

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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 and only qualified voters of the City of Gravette, Arkansas, shall have the right to vote at the election.

Section 5: That the results of the election shall be proclaimed by the Mayor and his proclamation shall be published one time in a newspaper published in the City of Gravette, Arkansas, and having a general circulation therein, which proclamation shall advise that the results as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless attacked in the courts as provided by law.

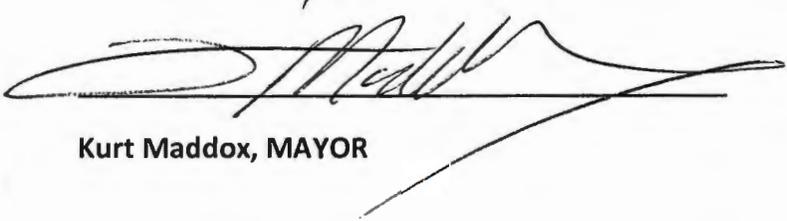
Section 6: That a copy of this ordinance shall be given to the Benton County Board of Election Commissioners in a timely manner for inclusion and coordination with the 2016 General Election.

Section 7: That the Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the city, be and are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to call and hold the special election as herein provided.

Section 8: That all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 9: If any portion or portions of this ordinance are deemed or held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF May, 2016



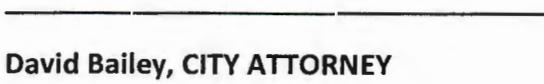
Kurt Maddox, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Mike von Ree, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM



David Bailey, CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF ARKANSAS
CITY OF GRAVETTE *clerk*
I, Mike VonRee, *clerk* Recorder of the City of Gravette, Benton County, Arkansas
In and for the City of the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that this
instrument of writing is a true and complete copy, and the same appears of
record of 4 Year Term Ord.
being on file in my said office. I have here unto set my hand this 26th
day of May, 2016
Mike VonRee, Recorder *clerk*
City of Gravette, Benton County, AR
By 