

ORDINANCE NO. 677

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, ADDING SECTION 2.04.055 ("TERM OF MAYOR") TO THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS' MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.04 ("CITY COUNCIL") PROVIDING THAT A DIRECTLY-ELECTED MAYOR SHALL HAVE A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM, WITH THE DIRECTLY-ELECTED MAYOR HAVING A TERM LIMIT OF TWO (2) TERMS, TO COMMENCE IN THE YEAR 2020.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **ADDING SECTION 2.04.055 "TERM OF MAYOR"**

That Section 2.04.055 of the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code shall be added and shall read as follows:

2.04.055 Term of Mayor

- A. **Commencing in November 2020, a directly-elected mayor shall have a four (4) year term. The directly-elected mayor shall have a term limit of two (2) terms.**

Section 2. **VOTER APPROVAL**

That this ordinance was approved by a majority of the voters voting in the Desert Hot Springs general municipal election held on November 6, 2018.

Section 3. **SEVERABILITY**

That should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this ordinance be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this ordinance as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. **REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS**

That all the provisions of the Municipal Code as heretofore adopted by the City of Desert Hot Springs that are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. **CONFLICTING ORDINANCES**

If there are conflicting measures on the ballot, Elections Code Section 9221 shall apply which currently reads: *"If the provisions of two or more ordinances adopted at the same election conflict, the ordinance receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall control."* If neither measure passes, the status quo shall remain.

Section 6. **CERTIFICATION**

That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

Section 7. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

That this ordinance shall take effect immediately following the City Council's certification of the results of the November 6, 2018, general municipal election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the People of the City of Desert Hot Springs at a general municipal election held on November 6, 2018.

Scott Matas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jerryl Soriano, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jennifer A. Mizrahi, City Attorney