

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT A CHANGE TO THE CITY CHARTER TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XI, SECTION 9, OF THE TENNESSEE CONSTITUTION AS A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY, TO AMEND CITY CHARTER ARTICLE II, SECTION 8, TO REQUIRE A SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS TO BE PUBLISHED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE INSTEAD OF REQUIRING PUBLICATION IN THE NEWSPAPER.

WHEREAS, City Council desires to submit this proposed amendment to the voters at the general election on November 8, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

Section 1. The following change in the Charter of the City of Oak Ridge is proposed:

Article II, Section 8. Council rules – Transaction of business now reads:

The council shall determine its own rules and order of business subject to the following provisions: The affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members of council then in office shall be required to approve any proposed action other than those listed in Article II, Section 2, and Article II, Section 4. There shall be a journal of proceedings of all council meetings, signed by the mayor and clerk and to which the public shall have access at all reasonable times. A summary of council proceedings shall be published in the official city newspaper within fifteen (15) days after a meeting, showing the substance of each council action. A vote upon all proposed ordinances and resolutions shall be taken by "yea" and "nay" vote, and the vote of each council member entered upon the journal. The journal shall also report the names of the council members present and absent, each motion considered, and the title of each ordinance or resolution considered. There shall be no standing committee of the council.

The proposed amendment shall read:

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Section 2. The Council shall publish the proposed amendment in the official city newspaper at least sixty (60) days before the general election to be held on November 8, 2022. The amendment shall become effective sixty (60) days after the certification of said general election.

Section 3. The City shall request the Anderson County Election Commission provide the following proposed amendment to the voters at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022:

Proposed Charter Amendment


Shall Article II, Section 8, be amended to add a requirement that a summary of City Council proceedings be published on the City's website and remove the requirement that such summary be published in the official city newspaper?

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption on second reading, the welfare of the City of Oak Ridge requiring it.

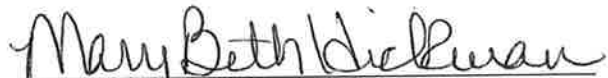
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