

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 III, SECTION 12, TO AUTHORIZE CITY COUNCIL TO DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER TO INCLUDE AN ONLINE PUBLICATION OR CITY WEBSITE.

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 to the Charter of the City of Oak Ridge is proposed:

Article III, Section 12. Official city newspaper now reads:

The council by resolution shall designate a newspaper of general circulation in the city as the official city newspaper. The official notices and publications to be published in the official city newspaper shall also be published on the city's web site.

The proposed amendment shall read:

The council by resolution shall designate an official city newspaper as a vehicle for required publication of city notices to be a newspaper of general circulation, a city of Oak Ridge website, or an online publication. The official notices and publications to be published in the official city newspaper shall also be published on the city's web site.

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.

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

Proposed Charter Amendment

Shall Article III, Section 12, be amended to allow the use of digital media for publication of official notices thereby changing the provision to read as follows:


The council by resolution shall designate an official city newspaper as a vehicle for required publication of city notices to be a newspaper of general circulation, a city of Oak Ridge website, or an online publication. The official notices and publications to be published in the official city newspaper shall also be published on the city's web site.

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.

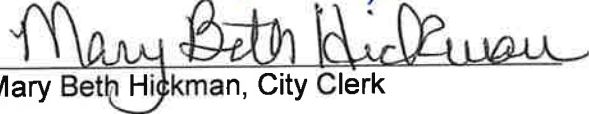
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