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ORDINANCE NO. 2698

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE DATE FOR THE
COMMENCEMENT OF THE TERMS OF NEWLY ELECTED
CITY OFFICERS**


City Clerk

WHEREAS, prior to an August 17, 2007 amendment of Section 3.1-10-15 of the Illinois Municipal Code, newly elected municipal officers took office the first regular or special meeting of the city council in the month of May following their election unless the municipality enacted an ordinance postponing the taking office date to no later than the first special or regular meeting of the corporate authorities in June of that year;

WHEREAS, effective August 17, 2007, Section 3.1-10-15 of the Illinois Municipal Code was amended to now provide that the term of elected municipal officers shall commence at the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities after receipt of the official election results from the county clerk of the regular municipal election at which the officers were elected, except as otherwise provided by ordinance fixing the date for inauguration of newly elected officers of a municipality, which date shall not be later than the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities in June of that year (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15);

WHEREAS, the salaries of City Officers to be elected at the forthcoming April 7, 2009 regular municipal election must be set by ordinance that is enacted by not later than November 19, 2008, the same being the state statute required 180 days minimum length of time before that election (65 ILCS 5/3.1-50-10);

WHEREAS, for the reasons aforesaid, it is necessary that the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois (the "City") shall enact this ordinance to provide that the City Officers to be elected at the April 7, 2009 regular municipal election shall take office May 18, 2009, the same being the first regular meeting of the City Council that is at least 180 days after the enactment of the ordinance that set the salaries of said elected City Officers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The recitals contained above in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby incorporated herein by reference, the same as if set forth in this Section of this Ordinance verbatim, as findings of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Section 2. Chapter 2.04 (CITY OFFICERS), of Title 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL) of the City of Columbia, Illinois Municipal Code is hereby changed and amended to add thereto Section 2.04.200, to read as follows:

"Section 2.04.200 Commencement of Terms of Elected City Officers.

"The terms of elected city officers to be elected at the April 7, 2009 municipal election shall commence and those elected city officers shall be inaugurated at the second regular meeting of the city council on May 18, 2009. Thereafter, the terms of elected city officers shall commence and those elected city officers shall be inaugurated at the first regular meeting of the city council after the receipt of the official election results from the county clerk, except as may hereafter be otherwise required by the Illinois Municipal Code. 65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15"

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, as provided by law.

Alderman Row moved the adoption of the above and foregoing Ordinance; the motion was seconded by Alderman Agne, and the roll call vote was as follows:

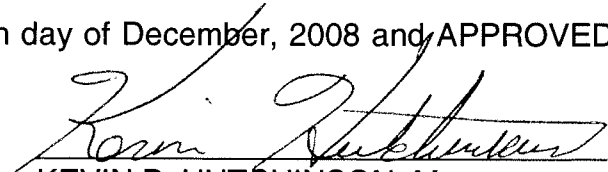
YEAS: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf and Mayor Hutchinson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

PASSED by the City Council this 15th day of December, 2008 and APPROVED by the Mayor.


KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON, Mayor

ATTEST:


WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, City Clerk

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