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AN ORDINANCE TO STAGGER THE
TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE ALDERMEN
IN THE TOWN OF BAYSIDE, TEXAS

WHEREAS, at a special election held on the 8th day of November, 1977, the qualified voters of the Town of Bayside, adopted the aldermanic form of government, with a governing body known as the City Council, composed of a Mayor, five (5) Aldermen, and a Town Marshall; and

WHEREAS, at the election held on the 10th day of December, 1977, there were elected five (5) Aldermen to serve until the election to be held on the 1st day of April, 1978; and

WHEREAS, at an election to be held on the 1st day of April, 1978, there will be elected, in addition to a Mayor, five (5) Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, Article 1143, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1967, provides that the City Council may determine by Ordinance what number of Aldermen shall go out of office in one (1) year, and the manner of deciding which shall hold office for the long term and which for the short term; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BAYSIDE:

Section 1. For the purpose of staggering the terms of office of the Mayor and Aldermen, they shall be divided into two (2) groups; one group shall be composed of the Mayor and two (2) Aldermen, whose term of office shall expire with the election to be held in April, 1980; the other group shall be composed of the remaining three (3) Aldermen, who shall hold office for an initial term of one (1) year, and whose term of office shall expire with the election to be held in April, 1979.

Section 2. At the election to be held on the 1st day of April, 1978, there shall be elected a Mayor and five (5) Aldermen. At the first meeting of the City Council following the election held on the 1st day of April, 1978, the five (5) Aldermen elected at said election shall draw lots to determine the two (2) Aldermen shall hold office for two (2) years, and to determine the three (3) Aldermen who shall hold office for an initial term of one (1) year, with the names of the Aldermen and their assigned terms recorded in the minutes.

Section 3. Commencing with the election to be held on April 1, 1979, and at all elections held thereafter, the office of Alderman shall be filled for a term of two (2) years.

Section 4. Commencing with the election to be held on April 1, 1978, and at all elections held thereafter, the office of Mayor shall be filled for a term of two (2) years.

Section 3. Commencing with the regular city election to be held on the first Saturday in April, 1978, being the 1st day of April, 1978, and at all subsequent elections held thereafter, as their terms of office expire, the offices of Aldermen shall appear on the ballot as separate offices by place number, and any candidate for the office of Alderman shall declare the office by place number to which he is seeking election, and shall file his application to have his name printed on the ballot for a specific place on the City Council. The votes at any such election shall be counted separately for each office of Alderman, and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes for the place for which he is a candidate shall be declared elected Alderman for such place.

Section 4. The necessity to enact this Ordinance prior to the next election in the Town of Bayside, creates a public emergency and imperative public necessity requiring the suspension of the rule that no Ordinance or resolution shall be passed finally on the date of its introduction but that such Ordinance or resolution shall be read at three several meetings of the City Council, and the Mayor having declared such emergency and necessity to exist, and having requested the suspension of the rule and that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction and take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage;

IT IS ACCORDINGLY SO ORDAINED, this the 31 day of JANUARY, 1978.

ATTEST:

C. W. Chick
C. W. Chick, Secretary

Billy P. Fricks
Billy P. Fricks, Mayor
Town of Bayside, Texas