

ORDINANCE NUMBER O18-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAFFORD, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA SPECIFYING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION TO THE VOTERS AT THE REGULAR ELECTION, AUGUST 28, 2018; TERM OF OFFICE; AND CONDITIONAL ENACTMENT.

WHEREAS, the current City Code provides for the direct election of the Mayor for a term of two years; and

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 9-232.03 allows a city to adopt a process whereby the Mayor is directly elected by the qualified electors of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has already obtained approval from the qualified electors of the City for the direct election of the Mayor for a two-year term as codified at Title 2, Chapter 2, Section 2.16.010 of the City of Safford Municipal Code pursuant to A.R.S. § 9-232.03; and

WHEREAS, the Safford City Council desires to submit to the qualified electors of the City of Safford the question whether the term of office for the direct election of Mayor of the City of Safford be extended to a four-year term.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE City Council of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona.

SECTION 1. TERM OF OFFICE:

Beginning with the 2020 candidate election, the term of office of the Mayor shall be four years, amending Section 2.16.010 of Chapter 2.16 of the City of Safford Municipal Code as follows:

2.16.010 - Selection of Mayor—Terms of office.

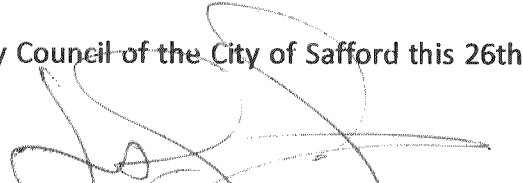
Beginning with the candidate election to be held in 2020 ~~1988~~ pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-204, the mayor of the city of Safford shall be directly elected by the qualified electors of the city. The term of office of the mayor shall be ~~two~~ four years.

SECTION 2. CONDITIONAL ENACTMENT:

The provisions of this ordinance shall not be effective until approved by a majority vote of qualified electors voting at the August 28, 2018 regular election.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Safford this 26th day of March 2018.



Jason Kouts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Georgia Luster, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



William J. Sims, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) SS
COUNTY OF GRAHAM)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance Number O18-001 was duly passed and adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, at a regular council meeting held March 26, 2018. A quorum of the Council was present at the meeting.



Georgia Luster, MMC, City Clerk

Date:

SUGGESTED BALLOT LANGUAGE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SAFFORD MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.16, SECTION 2.16.010 RELATING TO THE TERM OF THE MAYOR.

Shall Title 2, Chapter 2.16, Section 2.16.010 of the City of Safford Municipal Code be amended to reflect a four-year term of office for the Mayor to be directly elected by the qualified electors of the City of Safford?

YES

NO