CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 35

A CHARTER ORDINANCE to amend Section 2.02 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse changing the number and term for Council Members.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Section 2.02 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.02 NUMBER AND TERM OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.

There shall be seventeen (17) Council Members. The regular term for council members shall be four (4) years, any other law of this State to the contrary notwithstanding, except for the 2015 spring election, the term for Council Members for the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth shall be for a period of two (2) years. Regular term of office of Council Members shall commence on the third Tuesday of April in the year of their election after the taking and filing of the official oath of office.

Effective with the Spring 2017 election, there shall be thirteen (13) Council Members. Council Members for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Districts shall be elected at the 2003 Spring election for a period of two (2) years and every four (4) years thereafter and Council Members for the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Districts shall be elected for a period of four (4) years and every four years thereafter to provide for staggered terms.

Council members for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts shall be elected at the Spring election for the year 2005 and every four (4) years thereafter provided, however, the council member for the Second District shall be elected for three (3) years at the Spring election in 2002 only. Council members shall be paid such salaries as shall be provided by the Council. Such salaries may be changed in the same manner as the salaries of other officers elected or appointed for a definite term.

SECTION III: Any charter provision or any previously enacted ordinance or charter ordinance inconsistent or in conflict herewith is hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION IV: This Charter Ordinance shall take effect and be in force sixty (60) days after passage and publication unless

within said period a referendum petition shall be filed as provided in Section 66.0101 of the Wisconsin Statutes in which event this ordinance shall not take effect until submission to a referendum vote and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

/s/
Timothy Kabat, Mayor
/s/
Teri Lehrke, City Clerk

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