

ORDINANCE NO. 1486

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO, SUBMITTING A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WHICH CHANGES THE DATES OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, due to changes in the Colorado Constitution, the general municipal election scheduled in November of the odd numbered years, will no longer be conducted alone, but will coincide with elections held by the school district, state, county and overlapping special districts, and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that may cause confusion and dilute the importance of City election, and

WHEREAS, in one out of seven elections the City election would be one week after the other elections which will create technical problems with the conduct of the election, and

WHEREAS, the Council believes the public interest will be better served by rescheduling the general municipal election to April,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO, as follows:

SECTION 1:

The City Council hereby submits the proposed "Amendment No. 1" to the City Charter as set out in Section 2 of this Ordinance to the voters at the general municipal election of November 2, 1993.

SECTION 2:

The title and the text of Amendment No. 1 to be submitted to the registered electors is as follows (Only the title shall be printed on the ballot):

AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION SHALL BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF APRIL IN THE EVEN NUMBER YEARS AND FURTHER PROVIDING CHANGES TO THE TERMS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS CONSISTENT WITH THE CHANGED ELECTION DATE.

- (A) Section 8 of Article I of the City Charter is amended to read as follows:

Section 8. Term of Office. The term of office of the council members shall commence at the first regular council meeting following their election and shall be for a period of 2 and 4 years as hereinafter provided and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. They shall qualify to take office by the first regular council meeting following their election.

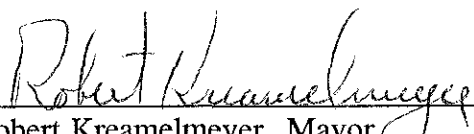
- (B) Section 1 and 2 of Article III of the City Charter are amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Term of Office. Council members whose terms are to expire following the general municipal elections which would have been scheduled for November of 1995 and 1997 shall serve until their successors are qualified and take office following the general municipal elections of April, 1996 and 1998 respectively. At the general municipal election of April, 1996 and at each general municipal election thereafter, two council members shall be elected to 4 year terms and one council member shall be elected to a 2 year term. The council members resident in Council Districts 1 and 2 shall be elected in 1996 and each 4 years thereafter. Council members resident in District 3 and 4 shall be elected in 1998 and each 4 years thereafter. The council member without a district residence requirement shall serve a 2 year term.

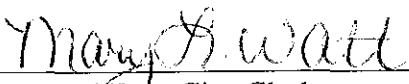
Section 2. General Municipal Elections. General municipal elections shall be held on the first Tuesday of April in even numbered years.

- (C) This Amendment shall take effect January 2, 1994.

INTRODUCED, READ and PASSED on first reading this 15th day of July, 1993.


Robert Kreamelmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary L. Watt, City Clerk

You will please take notice that the Montrose City Council will hold a hearing upon the above Ordinance and on the question of its adoption on second reading on Thursday, the 5th day of August, 1993, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. at Montrose City Hall in Montrose, Colorado.

INTRODUCED, READ and ADOPTED on second reading this 5th day of August, 1993.

Robert Kreamelmeyer
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