

ORDINANCE NO. 5768

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE QUALIFICATIONS AND TERM OF OFFICE FOR ALDERMAN BY ADDING SECTION 2.08.005 TO THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, SDCL 9-8-4 provides for the term length of alderman under the aldermanic form of government; and

WHEREAS, the current term of office for alderman in Rapid City is two years, which is the minimum term allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 9-8-4 authorizes municipalities to establish by ordinance a term of office for alderman of up to five years; and

WHEREAS, any increase to the term of office would not change the current term of office for any alderman currently holding such office; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce made the initial request that an ordinance increasing the aldermen's term of office to four years be passed by the Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rapid City has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to increase the term of office for alderman to four (4) years by adding Section 2.08.005 to the Rapid City Municipal Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Rapid City that Section 2.08.005 is hereby added to the Rapid City Municipal Code to read as follows:

2.08.005 Alderman – Qualifications and Term of Office.

Alderman shall be citizens of the United States and a registered voter and resident of the ward for which they will hold office. Each ward will have two (2) alderman whose terms shall be staggered to provide that both alderman from a ward are not up for election in the same year. The term of office for alderman shall be four (4) years. This provision shall not apply to the current term of office of any alderman holding office at the time this ordinance is adopted.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Officer
(SEAL)

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