

**AN ORDINANCE TO CODIFY THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS
BY ADDING SECTION 2.04.025 TO THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has adopted ordinances organizing city government into various departments; and

WHEREAS, the director of each department is either appointed by the Mayor with Council approval or hired by the Board tasked with overseeing the department; and

WHEREAS, prior to the 2013 legislative session, state law has been unclear about how often municipal officers needed to be appointed or reappointed; and

WHEREAS, the state legislature passed House Bill 1081, which provides that municipal officers shall be appointed annually or at an interval set by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council does not feel the reappointment of department directors each year benefits the various departments or the City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that it is in the best interests of the City of Rapid City to appoint department directors only when necessary because of a vacancy in office; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to codify this policy in ordinance as provided herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City that Section 2.04.025 be and is hereby added to the Rapid City Municipal Code to read as follows:

2.04.025 Appointment of Department Directors.

Department Directors and the Mayor's Executive Assistant/Program Coordinator, after their initial appointment to office, shall not be required to be reappointed annually. Department Directors and the Mayor's Executive Assistant/Program Coordinator shall continue in office until a successor is appointed, unless they resign or are otherwise removed from office.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

ATTEST

Finance Officer

(seal)