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Office of the Mayor
Mayor Sam Kooiker
300 6th Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Dear Mayor Kooiker,

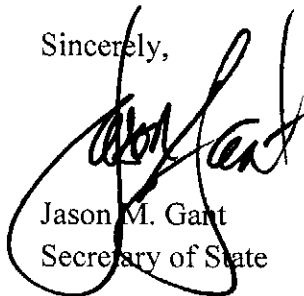
Thank you for your question regarding the term and length of council members during the redistricting process.

After reviewing and researching the applicable codified laws it is clear that an elected council member retains his office until his or her term expires. South Dakota Codified Law 9-8-4, clearly states that a council member is elected for either 2, 3, or 4 years depending on city ordinance.

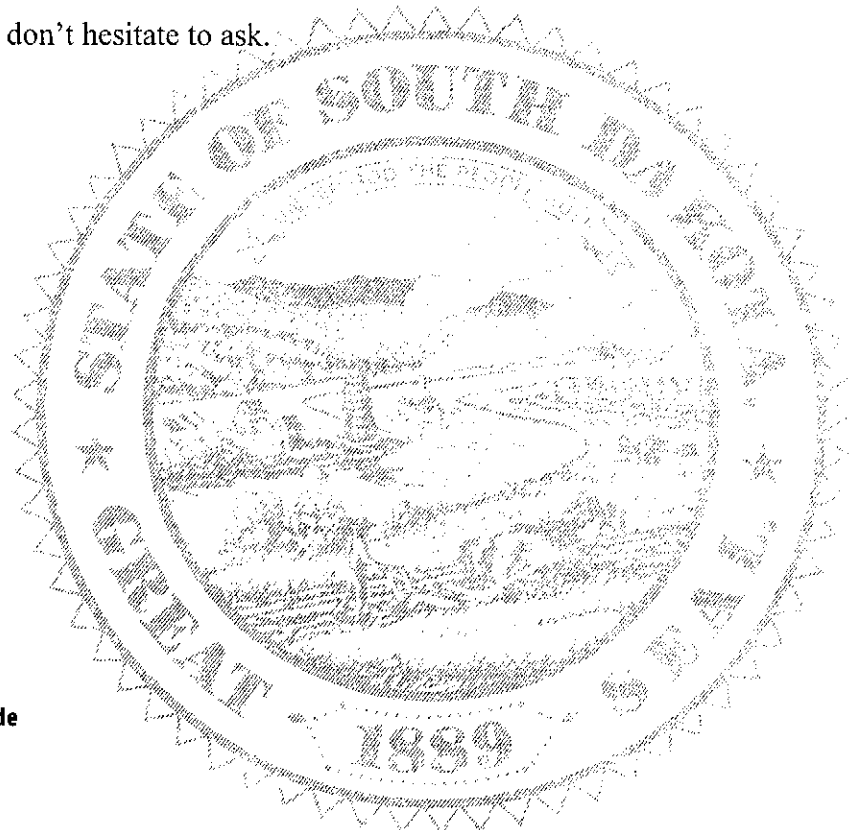
When city wards are redistricted, if a current council member is placed in a new district, that member would retain his or her representation of the district until their term expires.

Should you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,



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