

ORDINANCE NO. 6078

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE MAYOR'S TERM OF OFFICE BY AMENDING SECTION 2.12.020 OF THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, SDCL 9-8-1 provides for the term length of the mayor under the aldermanic form of government; and

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

WHEREAS, SDCL 9-8-1 authorizes municipalities to establish by ordinance a term of office of up to five years for mayor; and

WHEREAS, several years ago the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce recommended that the term lengths of the Mayor and City Council be increased; and

WHEREAS, after considering the Chamber's recommendation, the City held open houses to discuss extending the term lengths of the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, based on the input received at the public hearings and the recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce the City Council voted to increase the term lengths for the Mayor and Alderman; and

WHEREAS, the longer term lengths previously approved by the City Council were vetoed and never became effective; 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 mayor to four (4) years by amending Section 2.12.020 to the Rapid City Municipal Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Rapid City that Section 2.12.020 of the Rapid City Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

2.12.020 Mayor – Qualifications and Term of Office.

The Mayor shall be a citizen of the United States, a registered voter ~~qualified elector of~~ and a resident of; the city. He or she shall hold office for ~~2~~ four (4) years. The provision establishing a four (4) year term shall not take effect until the municipal election in 2019.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Officer
(SEAL)

First Reading:
Second Reading:
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