

ORDINANCE NO. 5767

AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE LENGTH OF TERM OF THE MAYOR 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, any change to the term of office for the mayor would not change the current term of office of the person presently holding such office; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendation of the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce and public input received at open houses which were held to discuss extending term lengths; 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 Three (3) 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 three (3) years. This provision shall not apply to the current term of office of any person holding the office of Mayor at the time this ordinance is adopted.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Officer
(SEAL)

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