

ORDINANCE NO. 5103

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, PROPOSING TO AMEND SECTIONS 201(C) AND 201(D) OF THE MESA CITY CHARTER TO ALLOW COUNCIL TO SET DATES FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, state law has changed to require that terms for Mayor and Council begin on or after the second Tuesday in January following a November election,

WHEREAS, given the change in state law, the Mesa City Charter is now inconsistent with state law with regard to the date when the term of Mayor and Council begins, and

WHEREAS, Council deems it necessary to change the City Charter to avoid a conflict with state law,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mesa, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: That Section 201(C) of the Mesa City Charter is amended as follows, subject to approval by the voters and the Governor of the State of Arizona:

201(C) TERM OF COUNCILMEMBER. The term of office of Councilmember shall ~~commence at the first (1st) regular meeting of the City Council in June following their election and except as otherwise provided herein,~~ shall be for a period of four (4) years or until their successors are elected and qualified. **COMMENCEMENT OF THE TERM SHALL BE SET BY THE CITY COUNCIL, BY ORDINANCE. IF THE COUNCIL DOES NOT ADOPT AN ORDINANCE, COMMENCEMENT OF THE TERM SHALL FOLLOW STATE LAW.**

Section 2: That Section 201(D) of the Mesa City Charter is amended as follows, subject to approval by the voters of the City of Mesa and Governor of the State of Arizona:

201(D) TERM OF MAYOR. The term of Mayor shall ~~commence at the first (1st) regular meeting of the Council in June following the election and shall~~ be for four (4) years or until a successor is elected and qualified. **COMMENCEMENT OF THE TERM SHALL BE SET BY THE CITY COUNCIL, BY ORDINANCE. IF THE COUNCIL DOES NOT ADOPT AN ORDINANCE, COMMENCEMENT OF THE TERM SHALL FOLLOW STATE LAW.**

Section 3: Effective Date: In accordance with Section 903(C) of the Mesa City Charter, this ordinance and the Charter amendment it describes shall not go into effect unless approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon at the next City election and approved by the Governor of the State of Arizona.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, this 2nd day of July, 2012.



APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk