

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 16
SERIES OF 2015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING
SECTION 2-11-20 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING THE
NUMBER OF HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, Section 29-4-201, *et seq.*, of the Colorado Revised Statutes authorizes municipalities within the State to create housing authorities having all the powers necessary or convenient for the administration and regulation of housing within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rifle (the "City") has created a local Housing Authority and provided for its membership in Chapter 2, Article XI, of the Rifle Municipal Code (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the needs of the City are best served through the appointment and inclusion of broad and diverse members to such boards; and

WHEREAS, the majority of City commissions and boards contain seven members to enable the democratic process and to allow for the most inclusive manner of participation in the organization and administration practicable within the City; and

WHEREAS, with statutory five year terms for the Housing Authority, increasing the number of board seats allows for more frequent turnover of membership to advance the City's interests in broad representation of the community; and

WHEREAS, Federal and State agencies providing grants prefer broad-based boards and commissions maintaining seven members and best governance practices recommend a minimum of seven board members; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 29-4-205(3)(a) allows for City officials be appointed to the Housing Authority board and continue membership on such board through the term of appointment without affect or curtailment by the expiration of the official's term in city office; and

WHEREAS, increasing the Housing Authority board to seven members will assist the City Council with maintaining a City official on the Housing Authority board; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that increasing the number of Housing Authority Board Members is in the interest of City and necessary for the public peace, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Section 2-11-20 of the Rifle Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows, with additions shown in double underlined text and ~~strike through language deleted~~:

Sec. 2-11-20. - Membership.

The Housing Authority Board shall consist of ~~five (5)~~ seven (7) members, who shall serve for five-year terms. Membership on the Housing Authority Board shall be in compliance with Section 2-2-50(b) of this Code. A board member shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified. Vacancies, other than by reason of expiration of terms, shall be filled for the unexpired term. The City Council, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 29-4-205(3)(a), C.R.S., shall appoint the members of the Housing Authority Board as positions become vacant.

Section 3. The City Council shall, upon the next regular Council Meeting following the effective date of this Ordinance, appoint two additional Housing Authority Board Members.

INTRODUCED on August 19, 2015, read by title, passed on first reading, and ordered published as required by the Charter.

INTRODUCED a second time at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Rifle, Colorado, held on September 2, 2015, passed without amendment, approved, and ordered published in full as required by the Charter.

Dated this ___ day of _____, 2015.

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk