

**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE NO. 4  
SERIES OF 2019**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE TIME AND DATE OF THE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND MOVING THE DATE OF THE SECOND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE MONTH OF ANY REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Rifle (“Rifle” or the “City”) is a home-rule municipality organized under Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and with the authority of the Rifle Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted the Colorado Municipal Election Code (C.R.S. § 31-10-101 *et seq.*), as now exist or as may be amended; and

WHEREAS, the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Voting Act requires all levels of government to provide at least 10 days from the date of an election before certifying election results in order to allow for the receipt of ballots cast by uniformed and overseas citizens;

WHEREAS, Section 3.8 of the Rifle Home Rule Charter previously required the City Council to hold its organizational meeting six days following any municipal election in which City Council Members are elected; and

WHEREAS, at the regular municipal election held September 12, 2017, a majority of the City’s voting electors approved a change to Section 3.8 of the Rifle Home Rule Charter to allow the Rifle City Council to set the time and date of the organizational meeting by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in adopting a new time and date for the organizational meeting following a regular municipal election, the City Council also finds it necessary to adjust the date of the second regular monthly meeting of the City Council following a municipal election so that the new City Council may be properly seated prior to such meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Rifle City Council desires to set forth a new time and date for the organizational meeting of City Council following each regular municipal election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, ORDAINS THAT:

1. Incorporation. The Rifle City Council adopts the foregoing recitals and conclusions as facts and determinations and incorporates them by reference as if set forth in full herein.

2. Organizational Meetings. A new Section 2-2-15 is hereby added to the Rifle Municipal Code to read as follows, with underlined text added:

Sec. 2-2-15. – Organizational meeting.

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 3.8 of the Charter, the organizational meeting of the City Council shall be held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday following the regular municipal election.

3. Regular Meeting Following Municipal Election. Section 2-2-20 of the Rifle Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows, with underlined text added:

Sec. 2-2-20. – Regular meetings.

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 3.8 of the Charter, the regular City Council meetings shall commence at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, unless that date should fall upon a legal holiday or during the month of a regular City election held pursuant to Section 2.4 of the Charter. The second regular City Council meeting during the month of a regular City election shall be held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

INTRODUCED on June 5, 2019, read by title, passed on first reading with amendment, 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 June 17, 2019, passed without amendment, approved and ordered published in full as required by Charter.

Dated this 17 day of June, 2019.

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Clifton, Mayor

ATTEST:

K. J. Dell  
City Clerk

