

**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE NO. 6  
SERIES OF 2019**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, REFERRING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019, A QUESTION WHETHER SECTION 2.3 OF THE CITY CHARTER SHALL BE AMENDED TO CHANGE THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO THE STATE OF COLORADO COORDINATED ELECTION IN NOVEMBER IN ODD NUMBERED YEARS.

WHEREAS, the City of Rifle (the "City") is a home-rule municipality organized pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and with the authority of the Rifle Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, by Section 2.3 of the Charter, the City holds its regular municipal election on the second Tuesday of September of each odd numbered year; and

WHEREAS, amending the Charter to hold the regular municipal election to the State of Colorado coordinated election in November in odd numbered years would coordinate its election with county and state elections; and

WHEREAS, coordinating the regular municipal election with the county and state election in November will result in significant cost savings to the City since it will not have to hold its own separate election; and

WHEREAS, coordinating regular elections have also shown increased voter participation with additional election items of interest to the electorate; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit to the registered electors of the City at the regular municipal election to be held on September 10, 2019, a ballot question to amend Section 2.3 of the Charter so the regular municipal election to the State of Colorado coordinated election in November in odd numbered years.

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

1. Recitals. The City Council incorporates the foregoing recitals as conclusions, facts, determinations, and findings by the City Council.

2. Submission to Voters. The following question stated in Section 3 below shall be submitted to the registered voters of the City of Rifle voting at the regular municipal election which shall be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

3. Publication and Ballot Form. The City Clerk shall cause a notice of election for the following ballot question to be published as part of the municipal election publication in

substantially the following form and add the question to the City's 2019 Municipal Election Ballot:

**SHALL SECTION 2.3 OF THE CITY OF RIFLE HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**REGULAR CITY ELECTIONS SHALL BE ON THE STATE OF COLORADO COORDINATED ELECTION IN NOVEMBER IN ODD NUMBERED YEARS.**

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

4. Amendment to Rifle Home Rule Charter. Subject to registered voter approval, Section 2.3 of the City of Rifle Home Rule Charter shall be amended to be consistent with the ballot question language in Section 3 above.

5. Extension of Councilmember Terms. If the ballot question contained in this ordinance is passed by the Rifle electorate, the terms of the City Councilmembers then sitting shall be extended to the next regular municipal election in November 2021.

6. Severability. If any clause or provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of the clause or provisions will not affect the validity of any of the remaining clauses or provisions of this ordinance, which, upon the date that it is to take effect, will become, and remain thereafter, in full force and effect.

7. Invalidity. If this ordinance does not for any reason become effective, or is declared invalid by a court, the provisions of this ordinance will have no force or effect, and all other acts, orders, or ordinances of the City will continue to be effective as if this ordinance was never adopted.

8. Rescission of Ballot Question. If at the regular municipal election on September 10, 2019 there are not more City Council candidates than seats to be filled, and this ballot question is the only matter before the electors, the City Council may rescind the submission of this ballot question to the electors by Resolution cancelling the regular election to save the costs of an election for this single matter.

9. Organizational Meeting. If the ballot question contained in this ordinance is passed by the Rifle electorate, Section 2-2-15 of the Rifle Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows, with underlined text added, ~~striketrough text~~ deleted:

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 on the first regular meeting of the City Council in December following the regular municipal election.

10. Regular Meeting Following Municipal Election. If the ballot question contained in this ordinance is passed by the Rifle electorate, 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, 2017, 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 June 17, 2019, passed with amendments, approved, and ordered published in full as required by the Charter.

Dated this 17 day of June, 2019.

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

By

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

