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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
June 23, 2014

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council will be held on
Monday, June 23, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
City Hall
354 W. Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

1. Call to Order – Mayor Ernie Penn
2. Roll Call – City Clerk Kelly Penn
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Ordinance No. 2014-07 – An ordinance to refer to the voters of Farmington, Arkansas the question of whether to elect alderman for 4 year staggered terms pursuant to Arkansas code annotated §14-43-312.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-07

AN ORDINANCE TO REFER TO THE VOTERS OF FARMINGTON, ARKANSAS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO ELECT ALDERMAN FOR FOUR (4) YEAR STAGGERED TERMS PURSUANT TO ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §14-43-312

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington, Arkansas, a city of the first class having fewer than fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants, currently has eight aldermen which represent four wards within the city; and

WHEREAS, the Farmington City Council believes that the best interest of the city would be served by changing the terms of office for aldermen from two-year terms to staggered four-year terms to provide better continuity and stability in city government; and

WHEREAS, the city council desires to refer to the voters of Farmington, Arkansas the opportunity to change the terms of office for aldermen in accordance with Arkansas Law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF FARMINGTON, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: The Farmington City Council hereby refers to the voters of Farmington, Arkansas the question of electing alderman for four (4) year staggered terms, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-43-312.

Section 2: The question of electing alderman for four (4) year staggered terms shall be presented to the voters of Farmington, Arkansas on the ballot in the next general election, which is scheduled to be held on November 4, 2014.

Section 3: That the question of electing alderman for four-year staggered terms shall be placed on the ballot in substantially the following manner:

FOR adopting Ordinance 2014-07 to elect Alderman for four (4) year staggered terms in the City of Farmington. In the November 2016 general election, and every four (4) years thereafter, Alderman representing Position 1 in each of the four wards shall be elected to a four (4) year term, and Alderman representing Position 2 in each ward shall be elected to a two (2) year term. In the 2018 general election and every four (4) years thereafter, Alderman representing Position 2 in each ward shall be elected to four (4) year terms, thus resulting in staggered four (4) year terms. ○

AGAINST adopting Ordinance 2014-07 to elect Alderman for four (4) year staggered terms in the City of Farmington. In the November 2016 general election, and every four (4) years thereafter, Alderman representing Position 1 in each of the four wards shall be elected to a four (4) year term, and Alderman representing Position 2 in each ward shall be elected to a two (2) year term. In the 2018 general election and every four (4) years thereafter, Alderman representing Position 2 in each ward shall be elected to four (4) year terms, thus resulting in staggered four (4) year terms. ○

Section 4: That a copy of this ordinance shall be given to the Washington County Board of Election Commissioners and the Washington County Clerk for consideration in the 2014 General Election.

Section 5: That all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6: Effective Date. That the City Council of the City of Farmington, Arkansas further determines that it is necessary to submit this ordinance to the Washington County Board

of Election Commissioners and the Washington County Clerk as expeditiously as possible to be considered in the upcoming general election; therefore, an emergency is hereby declared and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of June, 2014.

Approved:

Mayor Ernie Penn

Attest:

Kelly Penn, City Clerk