

ORDINANCE NO. 3290

AN ORDINANCE AFFIRMING THE CITY OF ABILENE'S ADOPTION AND CONTINUED OPERATION UNDER THE COMMISSION-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND ADDRESSING THE TRANSITION TO NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of the City of Abilene, Kansas:

WHEREAS, on April 15, 1939, the City of Abilene, Kansas adopted the commission-manager form of government;

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2015, the Kansas Legislature passed L. 2015, ch. 88 (H.B. 2104), which amended and transferred the statutory provisions for the commission-manager form of government, and L. 2015, ch. 88, sec. 8(a) states that a city shall continue to operate under its current form of government until such time that the city's form of government is changed as provided by law;

WHEREAS, the statutory provisions for the commission-manager form of government have been recodified in L. 2015, ch. 88, sec. 10 through 12;

WHEREAS, L. 2015, ch. 88, sec. 8(b) states that all existing ordinances and charter ordinances relating to a city's form of government shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by such city; and

WHEREAS, L. 2015, ch. 88, sec. 7 provides that all general elections for members of the governing body shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of 2017 and on such date thereafter of odd-numbered years.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE. Form of Government. The City of Abilene, Kansas continues to operate under the commission-manager form of government, as codified in L. 2015, ch. 88, sec. 10 through 12, and pursuant to all existing ordinances and charter ordinances relating to its form of government.

SECTION TWO. Governing Body; Transition to November Elections. The positions of those commissioners with terms that would have expired in April 2017 shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2018 when the commissioners elected in the November 2017 general election take office. The positions of those commissioners with terms that would have expired in April 2019 shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2020 when the commissioners elected in the November 2019 general election take office.

SECTION THREE. Same; Elections. A general election shall take place on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November 2017, and succeeding elections will be held every two years for all such commissioners whose terms will expire.

SECTION FOUR. Nomination Petitions. In accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, any person may become a candidate for city office elected at large by having had filed on their behalf a nomination petition, or by filing a declaration of candidacy accompanied by any fee required by law. The nomination petition must be signed by fifty of the qualified electors of the City of Abilene, Kansas.

SECTION FIVE. Publication; Effective Date. The ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately following its adoption and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the governing body of the City of Abilene, Kansas, on February 22, 2016.



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CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS

By: _____

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Dennis P. Weishaar, Mayor

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