

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 31

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 12-1651 REGARDING THE NAMING OF AN OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Abilene, Kansas:

SECTION 1. Election to Exempt. The City of Abilene, Kansas (“City”), by virtue of the powers vested in it by Article 12, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to exempt itself from and make inapplicable to it K.S.A. 12-1651, which applies to the City but does not apply uniformly to all cities, and thereby provide substitute and additional provisions on the same subject as set forth in this Charter Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Substitute and Additional Provisions. The Governing Body shall designate from time to time by resolution one or more newspapers and/or websites as the official city newspaper(s) of the City for publication of legal notices, advertisements, or publications of any kind which may be required to be published in the official city newspaper by the laws of the State of Kansas or of the City.

SECTION 3. Currently Designated Official City Newspaper. Any newspaper that has been designated as an official city newspaper as of the effective date of this Charter Ordinance shall continue to be an official city newspaper unless or until such time as the Governing Body shall adopt a resolution providing otherwise.

SECTION 4. Publication of Ordinance. This Charter Ordinance shall be published in its entirety once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

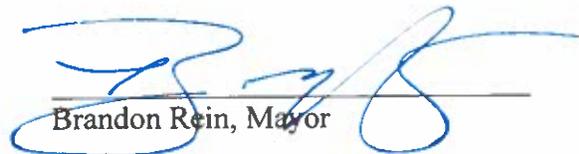
SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed and a referendum held on the Charter Ordinance as provided in Article 12, Section 5, subsection (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this Charter Ordinance shall become effective if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

SECTION 6. Records. Upon its effective date, this Charter Ordinance shall be recorded by the City Clerk in a book maintained for charter ordinances of the City and a certified copy shall be filed with the Kansas Secretary of State.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members-elect voting in favor thereof, this 24th day of February, 2025.

The seal of the City of Abilene, Kansas, is circular with a dotted border. Inside the border, the words "THE CITY OF ABILENE" are written at the top and "KANSAS" at the bottom. In the center is a stylized anchor. Below the seal, the word "Attest:" is printed. A blue ink signature is written over the seal and the word "Attest:". Below the signature, a horizontal line is drawn, and the name "Shayla L. Mohr, City Clerk" is printed below the line.

Attest:
Shayla L. Mohr, City Clerk

A blue ink signature of Brandon Rein is written above a horizontal line. Below the line, the name "Brandon Rein, Mayor" is printed.

Brandon Rein, Mayor