

ORDINANCE # 008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND TWO-YEAR OVERLAPPING TERMS FOR ALDERMEN.

WHEREAS, Local Government Code §23.026(a) provides that the mayor and aldermen are elected for a term of one year; and

WHEREAS, Local Government Code §23.026(b) authorizes the governing body to provide by ordinance for two-year staggered terms of office for the mayor and aldermen; and

WHEREAS, A two-year term for elected officials should result in improved efficiency and more effective operation of the City of Highland Haven Texas.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION.

The Board of Aldermen hereby authorize implementation of the ordinance.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION.

This ordinance applies to all future elections of city officials. Those elected as a result of the May 1996 election who will serve a two-year term will be determined in accordance with LGC §23.026(b) which specifies that, if two-year terms are adopted, the mayor and two aldermen, next elected, serve two-year terms. The two aldermen who serve two-year terms are determined by drawing lots at the first meeting of the governing body following the annual municipal election. Thereafter, all members of the governing body serve a term of two-years.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION

The board of aldermen consists of six members (a mayor and five aldermen). all of whom are elected at-large.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 1996

/s/ _____
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ _____
City secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/S/ _____
City Attorney