

**ORDINANCE NO. 591**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT  
TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CLINTON  
REGARDING ELECTION DATES.**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Clinton is a home rule municipality under Article XI, Section 9 of the Tennessee Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** amendments to the city's charter may be proposed by ordinance subject to referendum approval; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Clinton's charter, Article 1, Section 2 sets the election date as the first Tuesday in December in odd numbered years; and
- WHEREAS,** to save money and have greater turnout for municipal elections, the City Council would like to change the election date to the state general elections held in November of even numbered years; and
- WHEREAS,** the City Council desires to propose such amendments; now, therefore:

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON,  
TENNESSEE that:**

**SECTION 1.** Article 1, Section 2 of the charter is repealed in its entirety and replaced with:

Section 2. Time of election of the City Council. The terms of the mayor and three council members elected in December 2009 shall be extended from the first day of January in 2010 until the certified candidates, elected on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2014, are sworn into office. This will result in an increase of approximately eleven months in the terms of the council members elected in December 2009. Thereafter, elections will be held for these seats for a four year term beginning with the elections held in November 2014.

The terms of the three council members elected in December 2011 shall be extended from the first day of January in 2012 until the certified candidates, elected on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2016, are sworn into office. This will result in an increase of approximately eleven months in the terms of the council members elected in December 2011. Thereafter, elections will be held for these seats for a four year term beginning with the elections held in November 2016.

**SECTION 2.** Article 1, Section 11 of the charter is amended by replacing the word "January" with the word "December" relative to the time of taking office.

**SECTION 3.** The City Council shall publish the proposed amendment to the Clinton charter at least sixty (60) days before the election.


**SECTION 4.** The Anderson County Election Commission is requested to place the question for the approval or disapproval of the above amendment on the ballots to be used in Clinton at the first state general election occurring sixty (60) or more days after publication.

**SECTION 5.** This ordinance takes effect upon passage for all purposes except actually amending the charter. Amendments to the charter that are approved by

referendum take effect sixty (60) days after approval in accordance with Article XI, Section 9 of the Tennessee Constitution.

Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Reading April 23, 2012

Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading May 21, 2012



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Scott Burton, Mayor

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Regina Ridenour, City Recorder

Approved as to form:

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CITY ATTORNEY