

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HORNICK, WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA TITLE II POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIONS CITY CHARTER CHAPTER 1 TO ADJUST THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR CITY COUNCIL SEAT NO. TWO

WHEREAS, in the City of Hornick, Iowa, the Mayor and Council are elected to a term of four years; and

WHEREAS, the terms of office for Council are staggered and overlapping so that at each City election there will be either two or three Council positions on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, at present, the Mayor's term of office is on the City election ballot at the same time and election cycle as three Council positions; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in four elected City officer positions being on the ballot every other City election with only two elected City officer positions on the ballot in the alternating City election years; and

WHEREAS, the imbalance creates a potential for greater turnover in City elected offices every other City election cycle; and

WHEREAS, at the next City election in November of 2025, Council Seat No. 2 will be on the ballot to fill the term of vacancy due to the resignation of council member previously elected to that seat with term expiring on December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, at present, there are 3 other City office terms expiring on December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, in order to equalize the elected City officer positions on the ballot and the potential for turnover for each City election, to provide for a more balance transition and success of elected City offices, the term of office for Council Seat No. 2 on the ballot shall be modified for one term to a four year office beginning January 2026 and then continuing as a four year term going forward beginning January 2030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Hornick, Iowa, that:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. The City's Charter, as adopted by ordinance in Title II Chapter 1 of the Hornick Code of Ordinances, is amended by repealing and adopting in lieu thereof, the applicable provisions of the City Charter and Section 2-1-4 of the Code of Ordinances:

2.1.4 NUMBER AND TERM OF CITY COUNCIL. The City Council consists of five City Council members elected at large, elected for terms of 4 (four) years with Council Seat Numbers 2, 3 and 4 being elected for a term of 4 (four) years beginning January 2026 and going forward, and Council Seat Numbers 1 and 5 being elected for a term of 4 (four) years beginning January 2028 and going forward to coincide with the election terms of the Office of Mayor so that no more than three (3) four-year terms of elected City offices will be on the ballot in any given City election year.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof, not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Council Member Bebec introduced, caused to be read and moved the adoption of the foregoing ordinance.

Council Member Holst seconded the motion to adopt the ordinance and moved that the Council dispense with the requirement that the ordinance be fully read on three different days.

The Mayor then put the question on the motion to dispense with the three readings, and, upon the roll being called, the vote was:

Ayes: Matthias, Holst, Bebec, Slomp

Nays: _____

Absent: Andresen

The foregoing motion having passed by three-fourths votes of the Council, the Mayor then put the question on the adoption and enactment of the foregoing ordinance and upon the roll being called, the vote was:

Ayes: Matthias, Holst, Bebec, Slomp

Nays: _____

Absent: Andresen

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the foregoing ordinance duly enacted on 9th day of June, 2025.

Sell
Mayor

ATTEST: Lori J. Teel
City Clerk

I, Lori J. Teel, City Clerk, certify that the foregoing was published by posting in three public places in the city as Ordinance No. 2025-02 on the 9th day of June, 2025.

Lori J. Teel
City Clerk

