

# City of Hornick

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hornick, Iowa, will conduct a public hearing on **June 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM** at City Hall on the proposed City Code of Ordinances No. 2025-02. **The purpose of the proposed Ordinance amendment is to correct the imbalance of elected offices on the City election cycle every two years by changing the term of Council Seat No. 2 from a two year term to fill a vacancy to a four year term.**

### **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 position on the ballot and the potential for turnover for each City election, to provide for a more balanced 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.

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Any and all residents and interested property owners are invited and encouraged to attend this hearing at the time and place mentioned above and to submit comments either orally, in writing or both. For further information, please contact Hornick City Hall, 400 Main St., Hornick, Iowa 51026, 712-874-3374, [clerk@hornickiowa.com](mailto:clerk@hornickiowa.com)