

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO. 1846

INTRODUCED BY: McCracken

ENROLLED ORDINANCE NO. 1619

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.04 TO CONFORM WITH THE CHANGE IN WARD SYSTEM AS ESTABLISHED BY VOTERS NOVEMBER, 2011 AND ESTABLISHING THE NEW WARD BOUNDARIES AS DETERMINED BY THE STATUTORY WARD BOUNDARY COMMITTEE AND SETTING THE ELECTION PROCEDURES TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEW WARD SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the voters approved the proposed change in the ward system within the City at the Special Election of November 8, 2011 to a system of three (3) wards with three elected (3) members from each ward; and,

WHEREAS, the new ward boundaries have been determined by the statutory committee established for that purpose composed of the members of Council and the members specified in the petition calling for an election of the ward system; and,

WHEREAS, a new system for election of the Council members whose terms expire in 2013 must be established prior to the primary election in 2012 to insure that the members of Council are elected in conformance with the new ward system established by the voters, but not depriving those incumbent members of Council whose terms of office have not expired of their right to complete their respective terms without interruption; and,

WHEREAS, the present members of Council have terms of office which will expire in January of either 2013 or 2015 on a rotation of five (5) members in 2013 and four (4) members in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the new election process must be established by ordinance to insure the fair election of the members of Council with the expiration of the terms of office of the seated members of Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE as follows:

Section 1. Sections 2.04.012, 032, 033, 034, 035, 036, 037 and 038 shall read as follows:

2.04.012 – Members – Term and Oath of Office.

The city council shall consist of nine (9) council members. The council members shall be elected from wards, with three (3) members elected from each ward. The term of office of a councilmember is four (4) years. The term of office of a person elected at the municipal general election commences on the first Monday in January following the

general election. Prior to commencing the duties of office, each councilmember shall sign and file the constitutional oath of office with the City Clerk.

2.04.032 – Members Election Procedure.

A. The Council finds that the public interest is best served by having an election in each ward during the general elections held in even-numbered years in conformance with current law, and alternating between one and two members from each ward elected during those ward elections. To that end, during the general municipal election of 2012 wards one (1) and two (2) shall have two (2) positions each stand for election to conform with the expiring terms of sitting council members. Those positions are presently held by council members with terms expiring January, 2013 or such unfilled positions as are created by the establishment of the ward boundaries. Each previously mentioned ward has one (1) position occupied by a council member whose term does not expire in 2013. Ward three (3) shall have a single position to stand for election in 2012, with holdover positions of seated Council members filling the remaining two (2) positions.

B. Those positions held by incumbent office holders which expire in 2015 shall be filled by election in 2014.

C. All positions within a ward shall be elected at large, with all eligible candidates appearing on the primary ballot, and the two candidates receiving the most votes for each available position appearing on the general election ballot. The candidate receiving the most votes for each available position shall be elected.

2.04.033 – Members – Eligibility.

To be eligible to seek nomination for city council, a person shall be a registered voter and a resident of the City of Laramie at the time of submitting the nomination petition, and a resident of the ward from which he/she seeks nomination.

2.04.034 – Ward Boundaries.

A. **Ward 1** shall include all of the property within the City limits which lies within that area bounded by the line described as follows:

Beginning at the point where the East rail of the Union Pacific Railroad mainline crosses the Northern limit line of the City;

Thence, Southerly along said rail to a point where the centerline of Baker Street intersects with said rail;

Thence, Easterly along said centerline of Baker Street to the point where said centerline intersects with the centerline of 4th Street;

Thence, Southerly along said centerline of 4th Street to the point where said centerline intersects with the centerline of Harney Street;

Thence, Easterly along said centerline of Harney Street to the point where said centerline intersects with the centerline of 9th Street;

Thence, Southerly along said centerline of 9th Street to the point where said centerline intersects with the centerline of Symons Street;

Thence, Easterly along said centerline of Symons Street to the point where said centerline intersects with the City limit;

Thence, Southerly along said City limits to the point where said City limits reaches the point of beginning.

B. **Ward 2** shall include all of the property within the City limits which lies within that area bounded by the line described as follows:

Beginning at the point where the East rail of the Union Pacific Railroad mainline crosses the Northern limit line of the City;

Thence, Southerly along said rail to a point where the centerline of Baker Street intersects with said rail;

Thence, Easterly along said centerline of Baker Street to the point where said centerline intersects with the centerline of 4th Street;

Thence, Southerly along said centerline of 4th Street to the point where said centerline intersects with the centerline of Harney Street;

Thence, Easterly along said centerline of Harney Street to the point where said centerline intersects with the centerline of 9th Street;

Thence, Southerly along said centerline of 9th Street to the point where said centerline intersects with the centerline of Symons Street;

Thence, Easterly along said centerline of Symons Street to the point where said centerline intersects with the City limit;

Thence, Northerly along said City limit to the point where said City limit intersects with the centerline, or a continuation thereof, of Cortrell Road on the Southerly right-of-way line of Whitman Street;

Thence, Northeasterly along the Southerly right-of-way line of Whitman Street to the point where said right-of-way line intersects the East right-of-way line of Stuart Street;

Thence, Northwesterly along the Easterly right-of-way of Stuart Street to the point where such right-of-way line intersects with the Southeasterly right-of-way line of Ashley Street;

Thence, Northeasterly along the Southeasterly right-of-way line of Ashley Street to the point where such right-of-way line intersects with the Northerly right-of-way line of Hillside Drive;

Thence, Westerly along the Northerly right-of-way line of Hillside Drive to the point where such right-of-way line intersects with the Easterly right-of-way line of Bonneville Street;

Thence, Northerly along the Easterly right-of-way line of Bonneville Street to the point where said right-of-way line intersects with the Northerly right-of-way line of Holiday Street;

Thence, Northwesterly along the Northerly right-of-way line of Holiday Drive to the point where said right-of-way line of Holiday Drive, or a continuation thereof, intersects the centerline of Cortell Road;

Thence, Northwesterly along the centerline of Cortell Road to the point where such centerline intersects with the centerline of Sheridan Street;

Thence, Westerly along the centerline of Sheridan Street to the point where such centerline intersects with the centerline of 15th Street:

Thence Northerly along the centerline of 15th Street to the point where such centerline intersects with the City limits;

Thence, Westerly along the City limits to the point where the City limits intersects with the East rail of the Union Pacific mainline, the point of beginning.

C. **Ward 3** shall include all of the property within the City limits which lies within that line described as follows:

Beginning at the point where City limit line, on a continuation of the centerline of Cortell Road, intersects the Southerly right-of-way line of Whitman Street;

Thence, Northeasterly along the centerline of Whitman Street to the point where said centerline intersects the centerline of Holiday Drive;

Thence, Northwesterly along the centerline of Holiday Drive to the point where said centerline of Holiday Drive intersects the centerline of Cortell Road;

Thence, Northwesterly along the centerline of Corthell Road to the point where such centerline intersects with the centerline of Sheridan Street;

Thence, Westerly along the centerline of Sheridan Street to the point where such centerline intersects with the centerline of 15th Street:

Thence Northerly along the centerline of 15th Street to the point where such centerline intersects with the City limits;

Thence, Easterly along the City limits to the point where City limit line intersects the Southerly right-of-way line of Whitman Street, the point of beginning.

2.04.035 – Term of Office.

Every Council member shall be elected for a four (4) year term, with the exception of a member appointed to fill an unexpired term of office and being required to run for office in the ensuing election under the provisions of Wyoming Statutes Chapter 15-11.

2.04.036 – Ward Representation.

All Council members must reside in the ward from which they were elected or appointed for not less than one (1) year prior to election to represent that ward.

2.04.037 – Vacancies in Office.

A. Any vacancy in the office of a Council member shall be filled from the ward from which the Council member was elected, with the same eligibility requirements as may be found for persons seeking office by election. The selection of the person shall be made by the Council pursuant to ordinance requirements.

B. Any person appointed to fill an unexpired term of office may serve that unexpired term until his successor is elected at the next general election and is qualified for the office. Persons appointed at a date too late to have his name placed on the ballot of the general election by the City Clerk shall serve until his replacement is elected and seated in the following general election.

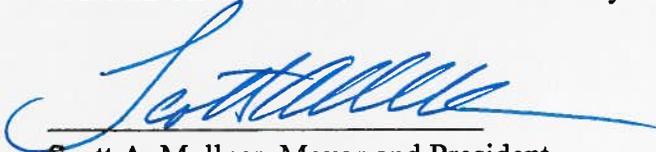
2.04.038 – Wards – Census Data.

The wards described in Section 2.04.034 are based upon the Census Data for the year 2010. For any territory which is not included in the ward description, but is annexed to the City thereafter, the territory shall be included within the ward with which it shares the longest common boundary, unless the territory is allocated between two wards at the passage of the ordinance annexing the territory.

Section 2. 2.04.039 - Members – Ward Representatives – Vacancy is hereby repealed.

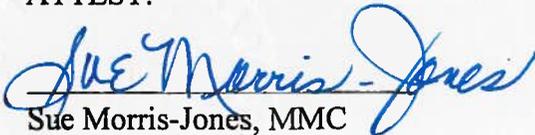
Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective after passage, approval and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 03rd day of April, 2012.



Scott A. Mullner, Mayor and President
of the City Council of the City of
Laramie, Wyoming

ATTEST:



Sue Morris-Jones, MMC
City Clerk

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