ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-5 OF THE CITY CODE SETTING A BEGINNING DATE FOR THE REGULAR TERM OF A COUNCIL MEMBER; PROVIDING AN END DATE FOR THE TERMS OF SITTING COUNCIL MEMBERS; AND PROVIDING A METHOD FOR STAGGERING THE TERMS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED FROM DISTRICTS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. City Code Chapter 2-5 (*Council Action, Meeting Procedures, Public Hearings, and Appeals*) is amended by adding a new Article 4 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. COUNCIL TERMS

§ 2-5-71 Regular Term of a Councilmember.

    (A) This section applies to a councilmember elected in the City general election held on November 4, 2014, and to a councilmember elected to a full term at each City general election thereafter. The general election includes the subsequent runoff election, if any.

    (B) The regular term of a councilmember begins on the 15th day of December following the City general election.

PART 2. The caption of City Code Chapter 2-5 is amended to read: Council Action, Meeting Procedures, Public Hearings, [and] Appeals, and Terms.

PART 3. Pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A) of the City Charter, the term of each council member serving on the effective date of this ordinance ends on December 15, 2014 when the new council members elected in the 2014 general election assume office. As soon as practicable after assuming office after the 2014 general election, the council members elected from council districts shall divide themselves into two classes by drawing lots. Class One shall consist of five council members who shall serve a two-year term. Class Two shall consist of five council members who shall serve a four-year term. Thereafter, unless elected to fill a vacancy, each council member shall be elected to a four-year term.

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PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2013.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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_____, 2013   § _____
                                                                                             Lee Leffingwell
                                                                                                 Mayor

APPROVED: _____   **ATTEST:** _____
                     Karen M. Kennard   Jannette S. Goodall
                        City Attorney   City Clerk