

TOWN OF MANNFORD, OKLAHOMA

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-102, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND REPEALING SECTION 1-202, WARD AND WARD BOUNDARIES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Town ordinances at Section 2-102, required the Town to establish five wards for trustees of the Town.

WHEREAS, pursuant to 11 O.S. §12-103.1, the Town has the option of eliminating wards, by approval of an ordinance. The statute provides as follows:

A. The board of trustees may, by ordinance, provide for the nomination and election at large of the trustees of a statutory town board of trustees form of government; provided, however, that such ordinance shall not become effective until sixty (60) days following the date of its publication. After the ordinance becomes effective, the requirement that trustees of a town be residents of and nominated from wards shall not apply.

B. Within such sixty-day period, the registered voters of such town may petition for an election on the question of nominating and electing the trustees at large. The petition shall be signed by a number of such registered voters that is not less than twenty percent (20%) of the votes cast at the most recent election for the town office receiving the greatest number of votes. The petition shall be filed with the town clerk. The ordinance providing for the nomination and election of trustees at large shall be suspended pending the determination of the sufficiency of the number of signatures on the petition or the determination of the results of the election.

WHEREAS, elimination of the requirement of wards would allow greater flexibility for those seeking office, and greater flexibility for the voters in choosing representation.

WHEREAS, Section 1-202 of the Code of Ordinances establishes the ward boundaries, and upon elimination of the requirement for wards, would need to be repealed.

WHEREAS, elimination of the requirement for ward representation is in the best interest of the residents of the Town.

THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town Trustees of the Town of Mannford that the Town Ordinances of the Town of Mannford are hereby amended as follows:

Section One: Section 2-102 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Mannford is hereby amended and shall provide as follows:

Section 2-102 Board of Trustees

A. The town board of trustees shall consist of five members who shall be nominated and elected at large without regard to their place of residence within the corporate limits of the town.

B. The term of office for a trustee shall be four years beginning at 12:00 noon on the second Monday following the general municipal election. The trustee shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified.

C. The terms of the trustees shall be staggered. Existing ward numbers shall become known as "trustee positions," with the same existing numbering and election schedule, with positions 1, 3 and 5 subject to election in 2023, and positions 2 and 4 subject to election in 2025.

D. The resolution of the board of trustees calling for a general or special election to fill the office of trustee shall state the number of four-year terms and the number of unexpired terms, if any, to be filled.

Section Two. Section 1-202 of the Code of Ordinances, titled Ward and Ward Boundaries, is hereby repealed.

Section Three: All other ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

Passed and approved, at a regular meeting of the Town Trustees of the Town of Mannford, Oklahoma, held the 12th day of May 2022.


TOWN OF MANNEFORD, OKLAHOMA



Tyler Buttram, Mayor



Joyce Martin, Town Clerk



David L. Weatherford, Town Attorney