

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, ADDING ARTICLE V CREATING THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL AUDITOR TO BE APPOINTED AND REMOVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, AND RENUMBERING ARTICLE DESIGNATIONS SET FORTH IN THE CHARTER AFTER ARTICLE V ACCORDINGLY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Article XVII, Section 12, of the Charter of the City of Norman further provides that “The Council may propose and submit any amendments to this Charter to a vote of the registered voters of the City provided such amendments are filed with the City Clerk for submission not less than sixty days before the election at which they are to be voted upon.”; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norman, Oklahoma, when approving the fiscal year ending budget for 2021 reallocated funding previously allocated to the Police Department to fund a City Auditor position that would report directly to Council, resulting in a need for an amendment to the Charter of the City of Norman to empower the Council to appoint and remove such position; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article XVII, Section 12, of the Charter of the City of Norman, said amendments must be submitted to the registered voters of the City for their approval before the same become effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 4. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to call a special election to be held in the City on the 3rd day of November, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters of the City the various proposed amendments to the Charter of said City, to-wit:
- § 5. That Section 1, 2, & 3 of Article V of the Charter of the City of Norman, Oklahoma shall be added to read as follows:

ARTICLE V. – CITY AUDITOR

Section 1. – Office created.

The office of City Auditor is hereby created.

Section 2. – Appointment and Removal of City Auditor.

Council shall by an affirmative vote of five (5) members appoint a City Auditor, who shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council as a full-time at-will employee. He or she shall be chosen by the Council solely upon the basis of his or her qualifications, including graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor’s degree in accounting, finance or a related field, Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and with a

minimum of five (5) years of professional level experience in auditing, and without regard to age, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex or place of birth, and need not, when appointed, be a resident of the City or State. No member of the Council shall, during the time for which he is elected, be chosen City Auditor, nor for two years after he ceases to be a member. In case of absence or disability of the City Auditor, the Council may designate some qualified person to perform the duties of the office during such absence or disability. The City Auditor may be removed or suspended at any time, upon an affirmative vote of five (5) members of the Council. Should at least four (4) Councilmembers desire that a majority of Council discuss removal or suspension of the City Auditor, then a notice of such a request shall be filed with the City Clerk, who shall then place an item for Executive Session for that purpose on the Agenda of the next regularly scheduled Council meeting or at a special meeting of the Council called for that purpose. In the event Council should desire to suspend or remove the City Auditor following the Executive Session, an additional item shall be included on the same Agenda of the meeting in which the Executive Session is to be held to consider immediate suspension or removal of the City Auditor. If the Council suspends or removes the City Auditor from office, the Council may provide for the temporary performance of the City Auditor's duties. The action of the Council in suspending or removing the City Auditor shall be final, it being the intention of this Charter to vest all authority and fix all responsibility for such suspension or removal in the Council.

Section 3. – Duties of the City Auditor.

It shall be the City Auditor's duty to advise the Council and each member thereof, and the City Manager, of operational and financial audits relating to the efficient and economical operation of Norman City government, and other related matters as may be required by the Council or the City Manager. The foregoing provisions shall not be deemed to prevent the City Manager, with the approval of a majority of the City Council, from employing private auditors as it is deemed necessary.

- § 7. That, Articles V – XX of the Charter of the City of Norman shall be renumbered as follows:

ARTICLE VI. – CITY CLERK

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ARTICLE VII. – MUNICIPAL COURT

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ARTICLE VIII. – CITY ATTORNEY

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ARTICLE IX. – CITY PARKS

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ARTICLE X. – HOSPITAL

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ARTICLE XI. – REMOVAL

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ARTICLE XII. – LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

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ARTICLE XIII. – ORDINANCES

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ARTICLE XIV. – RECALL OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS

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ARTICLE XV. – REVENUE

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ARTICLE XVI. – PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS

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ARTICLE XVII. – MUNICIPALLY OWNED UTILITIES

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ARTICLE XVIII. – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

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ARTICLE XIX. – LABOR RELATIONS

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ARTICLE XX. – PLANNING; ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

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ARTICLE XXI. – REAPPORTIONMENT

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§ 8. That the amendments of the City Charter proposed herein shall be effective as provided by law.

§ 9. **Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this resolution is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

ADOPTED this _____ day
of _____, 2020.

NOT ADOPTED this _____ day
of _____, 2020.

Breea Clark, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Brenda Hall, City Clerk