

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING THE CALLING AND HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF NORMAN, COUNTY OF CLEVELAND, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ON THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF NORMAN THE QUESTION OF APPROVING OR REJECTING ORDINANCE O-2021-6, WHICH ORDINANCE PROPOSES TO ADD ARTICLE V CREATING THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL AUDITOR TO BE APPOINTED AND REMOVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, RENUMBER 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. Proposition. That the Mayor of the City of Norman, Oklahoma, or in his absence or incapacity, the duly qualified Mayor Pro Tem, be and hereby is authorized and directed to call a special election to be held in the City of Norman, Oklahoma, on the 3rd day of November, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to the registered, qualified voters of said City of Norman, Oklahoma, for their approval or rejection the following propositions:

PROPOSITION I

Shall Article V be added to the Charter of the City of Norman to create the position of Municipal Auditor to be appointed by the City Council by at least an affirmative vote of five (5) members; to establish the City Auditor’s employment status as an at-will employee; to provide a process for an interim City Auditor to be appointed in case of the absence or disability of the City Auditor, to provide a process for Council Members to request that the discussion and possible consideration of the removal or suspension of the City Auditor be

placed on the agenda for a regularly scheduled meeting, as more particularly described in Ordinance No. O-2021-6?

- § 5. That such call for said election shall be by Special Election Proclamation and Notice, signed by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and attested to by the City Clerk, setting forth the proposition to be voted on; that the ballots set forth in the proposition be voted upon substantially as set out in Section 4 hereof; and that the returns of said election shall be made to and canvassed by the Cleveland County Election Board.
- § 6. That the number and location of the polling places and the persons who conduct the elections shall be the same as the regular polling places and persons prescribed and selected by the Cleveland County Election Board for elections in the City of Norman, Oklahoma.
- § 7. That the Special Election Proclamation and Notice of even date, a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk and which is incorporated herein by reference, calling such special election is hereby approved in all respects, and that the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem is hereby authorized to execute said special election proclamation on behalf of the City, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest and affix the seal of said City to said Special Election Proclamation and Notice and cause a copy of said Special Election Proclamation and Notice to be published as required by law, and a copy thereof delivered to the Cleveland County Election Board.
- § 8. That the City Clerk shall serve or cause to be served, a copy of this Ordinance and a copy of the Special Election Proclamation and Notice of Election upon the office of the Cleveland County Election Board, not less than seventy-five (75) days prior to the date of the election.
- § 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