

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW SECTION _____ ENTITLED
“CATASTROPHE/SUCCESSION” TO ENTITLED “CIVIL
EMERGENCIES” TO PROVIDE FOR A SUCCESSOR MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL IN THE INSTANCE WHERE THE SITTING MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL ARE KILLED OR MISSING IN ORDER TO
PROVIDE FOR CONTINUED CITY GOVERNMENT.**

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, in a disaster the Mayor and/or the City Councilmembers should be killed or missing, and

WHEREAS, continued operation of the City government must be assured, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to provide for an immediate and orderly continuance of the City government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that Section _____ be and hereby is added to Article __ as follows:

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Sec.. Catastrophe/Succession

(a) In the case of the Mayor being killed, dying or otherwise being unable to serve as Mayor, the President of the City Council shall become acting Mayor until the next General Election or, if more than 180 days until a Special Election may be held pursuant to the Charter.

1) If the Mayor and the President of the City Council are killed, die or otherwise are unable to serve as Mayor, the President Pro Tem shall become acting Mayor; and if such person is killed, dies or is unable to serve as Mayor, it shall go to the longest serving City Councilmember or Councilmember receiving the highest public vote if there is no longest serving Councilmember.

2) If the Mayor and the entire City Council are killed, die or are otherwise unable to serve, then the City Administrator and if he/she is unable to serve then the Deputy City Administrator shall serve as Mayor and shall appoint five (5) citizens of the City to act as the City Council until the next election but in no case for more than one (1) year . If necessary to stay within the one (1) year limit, the City shall hold a Special Election for both the Mayor and City Council positions.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 20 .

Clerk to the City Council

President of the City Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20 .

Mayor