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BIL	L NO.	6416

BY:	Councilmember Grimmer	
FIRST READING:	January 3, 2024	
SECOND READING:	January 17, 2024	

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON APRIL 2, 2024, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1.02 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, DELETING THE REFERENCE TO THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VI, Section 20 of the Missouri Constitution, amendments to the City's Charter may be proposed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, On August 8, 2021, the Mayor with the Consent of the City Council, appointed the members of the Charter Review Commission (the "Commission") whose task was to review and study the Charter, and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council of any amendments deemed necessary or expedient to the good governance of the City; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2022, the Commission presented to the Mayor and City Council its Final Recommendation Report, dated June 7, 2022 (the "Recommendation Report"), recommending amendments to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, having analyzed the Recommendation Report the City Council desires to submit to the qualified voters of the City a proposed amendment to the City Charter deleting the reference to the form of government of the City of Bridgeton.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section One</u>. That the following proposition shall be placed on the ballot and submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the General Municipal Election to be held on the 2nd day of April 2024:

PROPOSITION A

Shall Section 1.02 of the City Charter of the City of Bridgeton be amended by amending the reference to the form of government, as set forth.

SECTION 1.02 Form of Government.

All powers of the City shall be vested in the Mayor and City Council subject only to the limitations imposed by the Constitution of the State of Missouri and this Charter, except as hereinafter otherwise specified.

□ Yes □ No

If you are in favor of the question, mark the box opposite "Yes". If you are opposed to the question, mark the box opposite "No".

Section Two. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to submit a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County, Missouri, and shall notify the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County, Missouri, that the City is calling for an election within the City at the municipal general election to be held on the 2nd day of April, 2024, specifying the purpose of the election, the date of the election, the legal notice to be published, and the sample ballot language as set forth in this Ordinance, and to take such other action as may be required so this this election may be lawfully conducted.

<u>Section Three</u>. That said election shall be held and conducted by the Board of Election Commission of St. Louis County, Missouri, and the results thereof canvassed and returned in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri.

<u>Section Four</u>. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage and approval.

<u>Section Five.</u> <u>Savings.</u> Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall in any manner be deemed or construed to alter, modify, supersede, supplant or otherwise nullify any other Ordinance of the City or the requirements thereof whether or not relating to or in manner connected with the subject matter hereof, unless expressly set forth herein.

Section Six. Severability. If any term, condition, or provision of this Ordinance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder hereof shall be valid in all other respects and continue to be effective and each and every remaining provision hereof shall be valid and shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law, it being the intent of the City Council that it would have enacted this Ordinance without the invalid or unenforceable provisions. In the event of a subsequent change in applicable law so that the provision, which had been held invalid, is no longer invalid, said provision shall thereupon return to full force and effect without further action by the City and shall thereafter be binding.

PASSED THIS	17TH	DAY OF _	JANUARY	, 2024
APPROVED THIS	17TH	DAY OF	IANUARY	. 2024

Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen E. Robinson, MRCC-S/CMC

City Clerk