CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 2258 A CHARTER ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.00 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO ALDERMANIC ELECTIONS

WHER EAS, the Common Council for the City of South Milwaukee has determined that staggering aldermanic terms is in the best interest of the citizens of the City, and;

WHEREAS, the implementation of staggered aldermanic terms will better promote and support the efficient transition of leadership in City government, and;

WHEREAS, the Common Council for the City of South Milwaukee has determined that it is in the best interest of the City's health, safety, welfare, and morals to stagger aldermanic terms as described herein;

NOW THEREFORE, at a regular meeting of the Common Council for the City of South Milwaukee, held on the 19th day of March, 2024, a quorum of the members of the Common Council being present and a majority voting in favor thereof, the Common Council does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION. Section 2.00 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended to read:

Sec. 2.00 - Term.

Commencing with the next regular alderperson elections after adoption and publication of the ordinance the regular term of alderpersons shall be three years, except for the 2027 spring election, at which time each elected alderperson with the highest number of votes, per district, shall serve a four-year term. Thereafter, all aldermanic terms shall be three-years.

SECTION 2. The terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable. Should any term or provision of this ordinance be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This charter ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days after its passage and publication unless within such sixty (60) days a referendum petition shall be filed as provided by Wis. Stat. §66.0101 of the Wisconsin Statutes, in which this ordinance shall not take effect until submitted to a referendum and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon as provided by Wis. Stat. § 66.0101 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Passed and Adopted by the Common Council of the City of South Milwaukee

March 19, 2024.

James Shelenske, Mayor

Sandra Wesolowski, City Clerk

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