

ORDINANCE NO. 1370-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAHLEQUAH, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING THE TAHLEQUAH CITY CODE, PART 2, ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT; CHAPTER 2-4, GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; SECTION 2-406, OTHER OFFICERS, TERMS OF OFFICE AND REMOVAL; SECTION 2-408, TERM OF OFFICE, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the City Council of the City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY. Chapter 4 of Part 2 of the Tahlequah City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2-406. Other Officers; Terms of Office and Removal.

- A. Except as the charter or ordinances may provide otherwise, all officers appointed by the Mayor with the consent and confirmation of the council shall serve for a term expiring at the time of expiration of the term of the Mayor, and shall serve thereafter until their successors are appointed and qualify.
- B. All employees appointed by the Mayor with the consent and confirmation of the council shall serve for indefinite terms. As long as appointed to a position reflected in the then current adopted budget at a rate of compensation provided for in the then current adopted budget, the council does, by the adoption of the then current budget, consent to the appointment of all employees appointed by the Mayor satisfying such requirements and no individual confirmation shall be required.
- C. Any such officer or employee shall be subject to removal at any time for the good of the service by the Mayor and council, except as otherwise provided by the charter or ordinance.

Section 2-408. Term of Office, Conditions of Employment, Compensation

No employee or officer appointed by the Mayor and approved by the council may be dismissed, discharged or terminated except upon approval of such dismissal, discharge or termination by the council; and, except as required by the charter, no employee or officer shall be required to be a resident or qualified elector of the City; and, the compensation of any employee or officer shall not be changed except by approval of the council, provided, as long as an employee is provided a rate of compensation provided for in the then current adopted budget, the council does, by the adoption of the then current budget, consent to the increase of all employee compensation changes approved by the Mayor and no individual confirmation shall be required; and all of the provisions of this section shall apply to all employees and officers previously or hereafter appointed by the Mayor and approved by the council.

SECTION 2. CODIFICATION. The City Clerk is hereby directed to enter the added section into the appropriate place in the Tahlequah City Code of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, as authorized and approved by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, paragraph, word, section of article of this Ordinance is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions, paragraphs, words, sections and chapters shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. REPEALER. All other Ordinances and parts of other Ordinances Inconsistent or conflicting with any part of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It being immediately necessary to preserve the public health, safety, welfare, and morals, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAHLEQUAH, OKLAHOMA, THIS 4th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.



THE CITY OF TAHLEQUAH, OKLAHOMA
An Oklahoma Municipal Corporation


Suzanne Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Whitney A. Snow
City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality this 4th day of December, 2023.


John Tyler Hammons, City Attorney