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Resignation Email

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Mayor Lees,

This email is written to deliver the bitter sweet news of my moving. While new chapters are opening for myself, I am no longer a resident within Ward 3 and I am offering my resignation for my seat on Pryor Creek City Council. It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Pryor Creek through my seat and I thank you and the citizens of Pryor Creek for that opportunity. I look forward to being able to serve the city in other ways in the near future.

Thank you,

Briana Brakefield

CITY CHARTER

Council:

Section 3 Time Of Election -- Officials Elected.

- A. An election shall be held on the second Tuesday in February, 2015, and each four (4) years thereafter in which there should be elected for the city at large one mayor.
- B. An election shall be held on the second Tuesday in February, 2013, and each two (2) years thereafter in which there should be elected for the city at large one chief of police, one city clerk and one city treasurer.
- C. On the second Tuesday in February, 2012 and each year thereafter, an election shall be held at which time one council member shall be elected from each ward. It is the intention of this charter that each ward be represented on the city council by two (2) council members, one council member to be elected in odd-numbered years and one council member to be elected in even-numbered years.
- D. The terms of the officials elected hereunder shall begin on the first Monday in May following the elections and they shall serve for a period of two (2) years, except for the mayor who shall serve for four (4) years, and until their successors are elected and qualified.
- E. If necessary for any of the above positions, as provided under the terms of article 2, section 6, a runoff election shall be held on the first Tuesday in April.
- F. In the event lawful election dates for the state of Oklahoma are changed and these dates are no longer available for municipal elections, the city council shall have the authority to set by resolution appropriate and lawful dates for the election and runoff, if required, without the need to further amend the charter. (Res. 2011-5, 7-5-2011)

Section 9 Vacancies.

Whenever a vacancy occurs in the council from any cause during the unexpired term of a councilman, the mayor with the consent of the council shall appoint an eligible person from the ward in which the vacancy occurs to fill such vacancy until the next regular municipal election at which time a councilman will be elected from such ward to fill such unexpired term; provided, that in the event such vacancy occurs during the last year of such term, such appointment shall be made for the whole unexpired term. (Charter, 1-16-1951)

10-16-2: BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

- A. Composition: The Board of Adjustment must consist of five (5) members.
- B. Appointments: Board of Adjustment members must be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.
- C. Terms: Members of the Board of Adjustment serve 3-year staggered terms.
- D. Vacancies: In the event of a vacancy occurring in the membership of the Board of Adjustment for any reason, an appointment for the remainder of the vacant term must be made in the same manner as regular appointments.
- E. Removal: A Board of Adjustment member may be removed for cause by the City Council after notice, written charges and public hearing.
- F. Compensation: Members of the Board of Adjustment serve without compensation.
- G. Officers: The Board of Adjustment must elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.
- H. Rules Of Procedure: The Board of Adjustment must adopt rules necessary for the conduct of its affairs.
- I. Meetings: Meetings are held at the call of the Chairperson and at other times as the Board of Adjustment may determine. The Chairperson, or in the Chairperson's absence, the Acting Chairperson, may administer oaths and compel attendance of witnesses. All meetings of the Board of Adjustment must be conducted in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. The Board of Adjustment must keep records of its proceedings and official actions, all of which must be open to the public in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Records Act.
- J. Powers And Duties: The Board of Adjustment has the powers and duties that are expressly identified in this UDO, including hearing and acting on applications for variances and special exceptions.
- K. Appeals To District Court:
 - 1. Procedure:
 - a. An appeal from any action, decision, ruling, judgment, or order of the Board of Adjustment may be taken by any person or persons who were entitled, pursuant to any provision of this UDO, to mailed notice of the public hearing before the Board of Adjustment, by any person or persons whose property interests are directly affected by such action, decision, ruling, judgment or order of the Board of Adjustment, or by the City Council to the District Court of Mayes County by filing with the City Clerk and with the Clerk of the Board of Adjustment within ten (10) days of the date of such action, a notice of appeal that specifies the grounds for the appeal. No bond or deposit for costs is required for such an appeal.
 - b. Upon filing of the notice of appeal, the Board of Adjustment must transmit to the Clerk of the Mayes County District Court, the original or certified copies of all papers constituting the record in the case, together with the order, decision or ruling of the Board of Adjustment.

c. The appeal is heard and tried de novo in the District Court of Mayes County. An appeal from the action of the District Court may be taken as in all other civil actions. All issues in any proceedings under this section have preference over all other civil actions and proceedings.

d. Costs are not allowed against the Board of Adjustment unless the court finds that the Board of Adjustment, in making its decision, acted with gross negligence, in bad faith or with malice.

2. Stay Of Proceedings: During the pendency of such an appeal, the effectiveness of a decision of the Board of Adjustment may not be suspended unless a party applies to the District Court for a stay pending the District Court's determination of the merits of the appeal and the District Court issues the stay. Stays in appeals from the Board of Adjustment to the District Court may be obtained only as set forth in title 11 Oklahoma Statutes section 44-110. (Ord. 2018-16, 12-4-2018)