



At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ionia, held at the Ionia City Hall, 114 North Kidd Street, Ionia, Michigan, on the 7th day of June, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Waterman, Millard, Starr, Lee, Milewski, and Balice.  
**ABSENT:** Gustafson, Videtich, and Winters.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Council Member Milewski and seconded by Council Member Waterman:

**A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE CITY OF IONIA'S REGULAR CITY ELECTION DATES AND RELATED FILINGS TO EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ionia regularly conducts its City elections in November of each odd number year per Section 6.01 of Article VI of the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, at every other regular City odd-year November election the Mayor of the City is elected to a four-year term per Sections 2.02 and 2.03 of Article II of the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, at each regular City odd-year November election four City Council Members are elected to four-year staggered terms per Sections 2.02 of Article II of the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, MCL 168.642(a)(4), authorizes a city governing body which holds elections for city officers at the odd-year November election to change its regular election schedule for future years to even-year city November elections by the adoption of a resolution in compliance with the requirements of MCL 168.642, provided that the terms of the City's elected officers are not shortened and that those terms of elected city officers continue until their successors are elected and qualified at the next regular city election thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Ionia City Council have determined that it is in the best interest of the City to enhance voter participation and to reduce City election expenses to provide for regular City elections in November of each even-number year with corresponding provision for the filing of candidate slates and qualified petitions and for continuing terms of four years for the Mayor and on a staggered basis for the eight City Council Members (four elected in each even-year November election), and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has held a public hearing regarding this resolution pursuant to the published notice of the public hearing and in compliance with Michigan law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Notwithstanding any City Charter provision to the contrary, and as authorized by MCL 168.642 and MCL 168.642a, the date of the regular City election is changed from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year, commencing with the regular City election in November of 2026, resulting in the last City regular odd-year November election being held on November 7, 2023. Consistent with this change in the election years, and notwithstanding any City Charter provision to the contrary, candidate slates (if any) will be filed on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August of even-numbered years and qualifying petitions (if any) will be filed in accordance with the Michigan Election Law in even-numbered years for each year in which there is a City regular election.

2. The term of the Mayor duly elected at the odd-year November election this year (2023), which term would otherwise expire in December 2027, shall continue until his or her successor is elected and qualified in November 2028.

3. The term of the four Council Members duly elected at the odd-year November election this year (2023), which term would otherwise expire in December 2027, shall continue until their successors are elected and qualified in November 2028.

4. The terms of the four Council Members who were duly elected at the odd-year November election in 2021, which term would otherwise expire in December 2025, shall continue until their successors are elected and qualified in November 2026.

5. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the County Clerk of Ionia County and the elections division of the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan and such other office(s) as required by law.

6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.

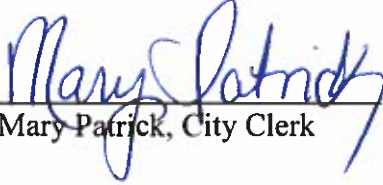
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: Waterman, Millard, Starr, Lee, Milewski, and Balice.

NAYS: None.

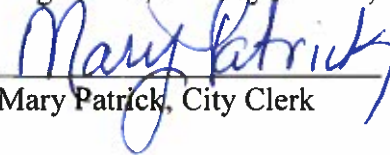
ABSENT: Gustafson, Videtich, and Winters.

RESOLUTION 2023-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

  
Mary Patrick, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Ionia at a regular meeting held this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

  
Mary Patrick, City Clerk