

ORDINANCE NO.: 2013-111 (REVISED 9/18/2013)

An Ordinance to Set a Special Election on the Question of Changing the Form of Municipal Government from Council-Manager to Mayor-Council

WHEREAS, S.C. Code §5-5-20 (2004) authorizes Council by ordinance to call for a special election on the question of a change in the form of municipal government; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Columbia this 18th day of September, 2013, as follows:

Section 1. A special election shall be held on the 3rd of December, 2013 on the following question as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. §5-5-40 (2004) if a certified petition is received by the City of Columbia:

Shall the municipality of the City of Columbia change its form of government from Council-Manager form to Mayor-Council form?

YES
NO

Those in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word 'YES', and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word 'NO'."

Section 2. Public notice of the special election shall be published in *The State* newspaper at least three weeks in advance of the date of the special election as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. §5-5-50 (2004).

Section 3. If a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors of the City of Columbia are in favor of the change in the form of government, the change from Council-Manager form to Mayor-Council form shall be implemented on July 1, 2014 and upon implementation the Mayor shall assume all responsibilities and powers as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. §5-9-30 (2004) which shall be later codified by ordinance.

Requested by:

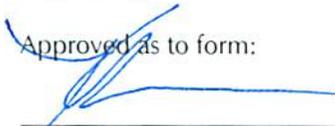
Mayor Benjamin _____

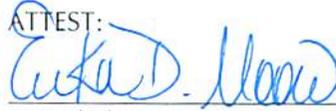

MAYOR

Approved by:


City Manager

Approved as to form:


City Attorney
Introduced: 9/11/2013
Final Reading: 9/18/2013

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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