

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE III ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 37 ELECTIONS, BY REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 37.08 TIME OF TAKING OFFICE AND ADOPTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 37.08 TIME OF TAKING OFFICE FOR THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, after a regular election a newly elected Mayor and City Council of the City of Goose Creek, South Carolina, currently take office 30 days after being qualified by the Berkeley County Voter Registration and Election Commission of which their term would begin in December of that current year; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this ordinance is to repeal in its entirety the current Section 37.08 Elections and for the newly elected officers to take office at the first regular meeting in January following an election after being qualified by the Berkeley County Voter Registration and Election Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of a Special Election, the newly elected Mayor and City Council of the City of Goose Creek, South Carolina, would take office 30 days after being qualified by the Berkeley County Voter Registration and Election Commission of which their term would begin.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** and ordered by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Goose Creek, South Carolina, in Council duly assembled, that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Goose Creek, South Carolina, shall be and are hereby amended as follows:

Section 37.08 governing when office shall be taken shall be deleted in its entirety and in its place the following section shall appear:

**§ 37.08 TIME OF TAKING OFFICE.**

After a Regular Election, newly elected officers shall be qualified after at least 48 hours after the closing of the polls. If the results of the election are contested, the incumbent who fills the contested office shall hold over until the contestant is finally determined. Elected officers shall take office during the first regular meeting in January after being qualified by the Berkeley County Voter Registration and Election Commission.


After a Special Election, newly elected officers shall take office 30 days after being qualified by the Berkeley County Voter Registration and Election Commission of which their term would begin.

All ordinances and provisions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and if any sentence, clause, phrase, or word contained herein shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

This ordinance shall be effective on the date of final reading.

INTRODUCED the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

DONE the 14 day of February 2023.

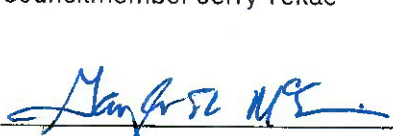
  
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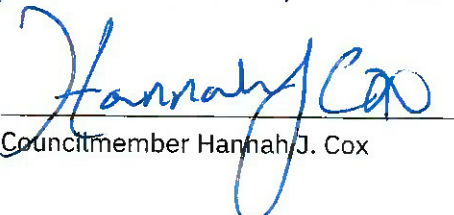
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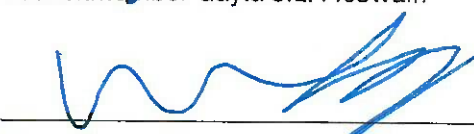
  
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