

ORDINANCE NO. 25-____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS PROVIDING THAT THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS BE AMENDED TO REDUCE CITY COUNCIL'S NUMBER AND SUBMITTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

Section 1. That Article III of the Charter of the City of Billings be amended so that Section 3.02. shall read as follows:

Section 3.02. - City Council: Composition and Powers.

- A. There shall be a City Council of the City of Billings composed of ~~ten (10)~~six (6) Councilmembers.
- B. Reserved.

Section 2. That Article III of the Charter of the City of Billings be amended so that Section 3.03. shall read as follows:

Section 3.03. – City Council: Election, Terms and Qualifications.

- A. ~~Councilmembers shall be elected from wards. Two (2)~~One (1) Councilmember shall be elected from each ward. ~~One (1)~~Three (3) Councilmembers ~~from each ward~~ shall be elected every two (2) years.
- B. Councilmembers shall serve for terms of four (4) years and shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms.
- C. Councilmembers shall reside within the ward from which they are elected and shall be qualified voters of the city of Billings.

Section 3. REFERRAL TO ELECTORS. This ordinance shall be referred to the electors of the City of Billings at an election to be held on November 4, 2025.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after Second Reading and final adoption as provided by law, but the amendment to the City Charter shall be effective upon approval by the electors as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council on First Reading this _____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED on Second Reading this ____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF BILLINGS

By _____
William A. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise Bohlman, City Clerk

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