**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ELECTIONS AT THE TIME OF THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-1400 recently was amended to require that all Town elections be held on at the time of the November general election with terms to begin on January 1 of the succeeding year, notwithstanding any other Code provisions or Charter provisions to the contrary; and

WHEREAS, the elections for the Town of Irvington Town Council members and for Mayor heretofore have been held in May of each year for terms to begin on the succeeding July 1; and

 WHEREAS, in accordance with the recent amendment to Va. Code § 15.2-1400, the Town of Irvington Town Council wishes to adopt this Ordinance to establish that all elections on or after January 1, 2022 be held at the time of the November general election for terms to begin on the succeeding January 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Irvington, Virginia as follows:

1. That notwithstanding any provision of the Town Charter to the contrary, Town of Irvington Code §§ 33.01 and 33.03 are hereby amended to provide that for any election held after January 1, 2022, elections of the Mayor and members of the Town Council shall be held at the time of the November general election for terms to commence on the succeeding January 1. The inaugural meeting of a newly elected council shall take place on the date of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council in the month of January following the November election.

2. That no term of any mayor or a member of Town Council shall be shortened in implementing this change to the November election date. The Mayor and members of the Town Council who were elected at a May general election and whose terms are set to expire as of June 30 shall continue in office until their successors' terms commence on the January 1 following their election at the November general election.

3. That as amended and restated, Town of Irvington Code §§ 33.01 and 33.03 shall read as follows:

 § 33.01 DATE OF REGULAR ELECTION; SPECIAL ELECTIONS.

All regular elections and all special elections for the town shall be held on the date set for the November general election in Virginia.

 § 33.03 ELECTED OFFICIALS; ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE; TERM.

Persons elected at the regular town election shall enter upon their regular respective office on January 1 next succeeding their election and shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

4. That this ordinance shall be effective on and after January 1, 2022.

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF IRVINGTON, VIRGINIA ON DECEMBER 9, 2021.

ATTEST:

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

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