## BILL NO. 7650

## AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS THAT FALL ON AN ELECTION DAY TO BE RESCHEDULED AND AMENDING SECTION 2.04.010 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI ACCORDINGLY.

WHEREAS, the City of North Kansas City, Missouri (the "City") is a body corporate, a third class city and political subdivision of the State of Missouri, duly created, organized and validly existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, voting is an important right that US citizens have; and

WHEREAS, city council meetings require significant preparation from many stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, rescheduling city council meetings that fall on an election day as defined by § 115.121 and § 115.123, MO. REV. STAT., will allow more flexibility for stakeholders to participate in the election process; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to reschedule city council meetings that fall on election days within the boundaries of the City.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2.04.010 of Chapter 2.04, "City Council," of Title 2, "Administration and Personnel," of the Code of the City of North Kansas City, Missouri (the "City Code") is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.04.010 City council—Time and place of regular meetings.

The city council shall hold regular meetings on the first and the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. When a day fixed for any regular meeting of the council falls upon a day designated by law as a legal holiday, national holiday, or an election in North Kansas City, the council shall determine when the next meeting will be held; and provided further, that the council may, for cause, cancel a regular meeting, giving public notice of such action at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such meeting. All meetings of the council shall be held at city hall.

Section 2. Providing for Repeal or Amendment of Conflicting Ordinances or Parts Thereof. Ordinance No. 8550 and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, or any parts hereof, are hereby amended to conform to the provisions and requirements of this ordinance or repealed, whichever will best carryout the intent of this ordinance.

<u>Section 3</u>. <u>Preemption</u>. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be interpreted or applied so as to create any power, duty or obligation in conflict with, or preempted by, any Federal or State law.

<u>Section 4</u>. <u>Further Authority</u>. The City shall, and the Mayor, City Clerk, City officials and employees of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Ordinance.

**Section 5.** Severability. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any such section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Ordinance are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Ordinance are so essential to and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the City has enacted the valid portions without the void ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions, standing alone, are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

<u>Section 6</u>. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Ordinance shall be governed exclusively by and construed in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Missouri.

<u>Section 7</u>. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

**PASSED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

Bryant DeLong, Mayor

Crystal Doss, City Clerk

APPROVED this 16th day of November, 2021.

Bryant DeLong, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:** 

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Anthony Bologna, City Attorney

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