

Ballot Proposition 4 – Four Year Term

It is proposed that the following sections be amended to change the term for all elected officials (Mayor and Aldermen) to a four-year term beginning with the 2028 municipal election to allow elected officials to focus on governing, allow them to become more effective for another year of services, and reduce election costs.

Section 3.4 ELECTION AND TERMS.

Beginning in 2028, Aldermen shall be elected to a terms of ~~three~~ four (34) years in duration. The terms of the two (2) Aldermen representing each ward shall be staggered.

An alderman shall be limited to ~~hold office for three (3) successive, full three (3) year terms, in the same ward, regardless of seat, not including time served to complete an unexpired term. Any alderman who resigns, is recalled, is removed, or otherwise forfeits their office during their term will be deemed to have completed said term. Such person cannot serve again as alderman in that ward for three (3) years.~~ Any person that has reached the term limit provided by this Charter shall not be appointed or elected to serve again as alderman until at least one (1) one general municipal election has passed since their last term.

Section 4.3 ELECTION AND TERM.

The Mayor shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city at large at the general municipal election. The Mayor shall hold office for a term of ~~three~~ four (34) years.

The Mayor shall be limited to ~~hold office for three (3) successive, full three (3) year terms, not including time served to complete an unexpired term. A Mayor that resigns, is recalled, is removed, or otherwise forfeits their office during their term will be deemed to have completed said term. Such person cannot serve again as Mayor for three (3) years.~~ Any person that has reached the term limit provided by the Charter shall not be elected to serve again as Mayor until at least one (1) general municipal election has passed since their last term.

Section 8.3 DETERMINATION OF ELECTION RESULTS.

(a) NUMBER OF VOTES. If two aldermen are to be elected from any ward at a regular election where only one alderman normally would be elected, there shall be placed on the ballot two separate propositions, one office for the unexpired term, and one office for the ~~full three year~~ regularly scheduled term.

Section 15.5 First General Municipal Election after 2026

(a) PURPOSE. The purpose of the following provisions is to promote the orderly transition from the present government of the City of Crestwood, Missouri to the new term lengths defined in Sections 3.4 and 4.3 of this Charter. The provisions of this Section 15.5 shall constitute a part of this Charter only to the extent and for the time required to accomplish that aim.

(b) TRANSITION SCHEDULE.

2026 Municipal Election: Mayor elected for a three (3) year term

2027 Municipal Election: 1 Alderman from each Ward whose term is expiring is elected for a three (3) year term expiring 2030

2028 Municipal Election: 1 Alderman from each Ward whose term is expiring is elected for a four (4) year term, expiring 2032

2029 Municipal Election: Mayor elected for a four (4) year term, expiring 2033

2030 Municipal Election: 1 Alderman from each Ward whose time is expiring is elected for a four (4) year term, expiring 2034

2031 Municipal Election: no regularly scheduled elected official on ballot

Any elected official that previously reached the three (3) consecutive term limit found in Sections 3.4 and 4.3 of this Charter shall be eligible for election in 2027.