

ORDINANCE NO. 1571

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, AMENDING APACHE JUNCTION CITY CODE, VOLUME I, CHAPTER 2: MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ARTICLE 2-1: COUNCIL BY REPEALING AND REPLACING IN ITS ENTIRETY § 2-1-1, ELECTED OFFICERS, IN ORDER TO CHANGE THE MAYORAL TERM OF OFFICE FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS PURSUANT TO VOTER APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025 OF PROPOSITION 493; REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, since 1978, pursuant to Apache Junction City Code, Volume I, Chapter 2: Mayor, City Council and Appointed Boards and Commissions, § 2-1-1, Elected Officers, a person elected mayor of the City of Apache Junction could serve an unlimited number of successive terms of office with each term being two years; and

WHEREAS, over the city's history there have been council discussions to extend the mayoral term of office from two to four years consistent with city councilmember terms; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2025, council directed city staff to place the question before city voters whether the mayoral term of office should be changed in the city code from 2 to 4 years; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2025, council passed Resolution No. 25-03 which called for and ordered a special election in Maricopa and Pinal counties to be held on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of Apache Junction the question of changing the mayoral term of office from two to four years; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2025, the city voters overwhelmingly (58.50% to 41.50%) voted to pass Proposition 493, which authorized the council to change the mayoral term of office from two to four years under Apache Junction City Code, Volume I, § 2-1-1, Elected Officers; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2025, the council passed Resolution No. 25-33 by a vote of 7:0, canvassing the November 4, 2025 election results, wherein the city voters approved Proposition 493.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I IN GENERAL

Apache Junction City Code, Volume I, Chapter 2: Mayor, Council, and Appointed Boards and Commission, Article 2-1: Council, § 2-1-1, Elected Officers, is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety, as follows:

§ 2-1-1 ELECTED OFFICERS

(A) The elected officers of the city shall be a mayor and 6 councilmembers. The mayor and councilmembers shall constitute the "council" and shall continue in office until assumption of duties of office by their duly elected successors.

(B) The term of office of the mayor shall be 4 years, but nothing in this section precludes such person from serving as mayor for more than one 4-year term after successive elections.

(C) Councilmembers shall serve 4-year overlapping terms, and as in the case of the office of the mayor, councilmembers are not limited to serving only one 4-year term.

SECTION II REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance or any part of the codes adopted herein by reference are hereby repealed.

SECTION III PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, phrase, clause or portion of this ordinance or any part of the codes or regulations adopted herein by reference is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
APACHE JUNCTION THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
Mayor

EVIE MCKINNEY
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



RICHARD J. STERN
City Attorney