

ORDINANCE NO 10-A

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FOUR-YEAR OVERLAPPING TERMS OF OFFICE FOR TRUSTEES AND A FOUR-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, the amendment of Section 12 of Article XIV of the Colorado Constitution, adopted at the 1970 general election, repealed a two-year limitation on terms of municipal officers; and

WHEREAS, passage by the General Assembly in 1971 of H.B. 1212 and the reenactment thereof in 1975, (Title 31, Article 4, Section 301 (5) CRS 1975) authorizes a Board of Trustees by Ordinance to provide four-year overlapping terms for trustees and four-year terms for the mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to establish for-year terms effective with the April 4, 1978, regular election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF STRATTON:

1. FOUR -YEAR TERMS FOR TRUSTEES. At the April 4, 1978, election, six trustees shall be elected. The three candidates for trustee receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for four-year terms, and the three candidates for trustee receiving the next highest numbers of votes shall be elected for two-year terms. At the next subsequent regular election and at each regular election thereafter, three trustees shall be elected to serve four-year terms.

2. FOUR YEAR TERMS FOR MAYOR. At the April 4, 1978, election, and at the regular election every four years thereafter, a mayor shall be elected to serve a four-year term.

3. VACANCIES. The Board of Trustees shall have power, by appointment, to fill all vacancies in the Board or in any other elected office, and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next regular election and until his successor is elected and qualified. If the term of the person creating the vacancy was to extend beyond the the next regular election, the person elected to fill the vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term. Where a vacancy or vacancies exist in the office of trustee and a successor or successors are to be elected at the next election to fill the unexpired term or terms, the three candidates for trustee receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to four-year terms and the candidates receiving the next highest number of votes, in descending order, shall be elected to fill the unexpired term or terms.

4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. The Board of Trustees herewith finds, determines and declares that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, because the election and terms of office of the Board of Trustees and the Mayor to be elected at the April 4, 1978, election affects the public peace, health and safety, and whereas in the opinion of the Board of Trustees as emergency exist, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon the expiration of five (5) days after publication.

READ, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED by the unanimous vote of said Board of Trustees, this 5th day of May, A. D., 1977.

E. L. KERL, MAYOR

(SEAL) ATTEST; VIDA MAY YOUNG, TOWN CLERK