

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTIONS 2-32 AND 2-57 OF THE CITY CODE OF MARICOPA TO CHANGE THE MONTH AT WHICH THE VICE MAYOR IS DESIGNATED AND THE MONTH THAT THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ASSUME THE DUTIES OF OFFICE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE DATE ELECTIONS ARE HELD IN COMPLIANCE A.R.S. §16-204 AS AMENDED BY THE ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE IN 2012.**

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona State Legislature in 2012 amended A.R.S. §16-204 to consolidate all regular candidate elections including those of the City of Maricopa to the Fall of even numbered years; and

**WHEREAS**, this new law becomes effective on January 1, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-32 of the City Code of Maricopa currently provides that the vice mayor shall be designated at the first regular meeting in June following an election. The new law requires amending Section 2-32 to provide that the vice mayor shall be designated at the first regular meeting in the month following an election; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-57 of the City Code of Maricopa currently provides that the mayor and members of council shall assume the duties of office at the first regular meeting of the council in June next following the date of the general election at which, or effective as of the date of which, the mayor and councilmembers were elected. The new law requires amending Section 2-57 to provide that the mayor and members of council shall assume the duties of office at the first regular meeting of the council in the month following the date of the general election.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona:

**SECTION 1.** Section 2-32 of the City Code of Maricopa is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

**Sec. 2-32 Vice Mayor**

At the first regular meeting in the month following the date of the general election, the council shall designate one of its members as vice mayor, who shall serve at the pleasure of council. The vice mayor shall perform the duties of the mayor during his absence or disability.

**SECTION 2.** Section 2-57 of the City Code of Maricopa is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

**Sec. 2-57 Assumption of Office**

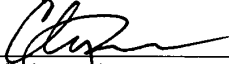
The mayor and members of the council shall assume the duties of office at the first

regular meeting of the council in the month following the date of the general election at which, or effective as of the date of which, the mayor and councilmembers were elected.

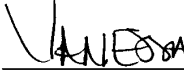
**SECTION 3.** To the extent of any conflict between other City Ordinances and this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall be deemed to be controlling; provided, however, that this Ordinance is not intended to amend or repeal any existing City Ordinance, Resolution or regulation except as expressly set forth herein.

**SECTION 4.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance 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.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.


  
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Christian Price  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Vanessa Bueras  
City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Denis Fitzgibbons  
City Attorney