



CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. MC CH 1387

A CHARTER ORDINANCE CHANGING THE TERM OF MAYOR FROM  
TWO YEARS TO THREE YEARS

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WISCONSIN, DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS  
FOLLOWS:

**SECTION I** Pursuant to Sec. 62.09(5)(b), Wis. Stats., the Common Council of the City of Wisconsin Rapids hereby elects to amend Sec. 2.01 of the Municipal Code, changing the mayor's regular term of office from two (2) years to three (3) years.

**SECTION II** The three-year regular term of office for mayor shall commence with the term for the candidate elected at the regular spring election in 2026.

**SECTION III** Sec. 2.01 shall now read:

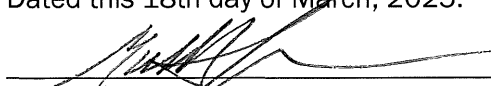
"FORM OF GOVERNMENT; GENERAL STRUCTURE. The corporate authority of the City of Wisconsin Rapids is vested in its mayor and common council, in accordance with its founding charter ordinances and Chapters 62 and 66 of Wisconsin Statutes, as appropriate. Officers are and shall be a mayor, finance director (who shall also perform the statutory duties of treasurer), clerk, attorney, engineer, assessor, board of police and fire commissioners, chief of police, chief of the fire department, an alderperson from each aldermanic district, and such other officers or boards as are created by law or by the council. The clerk, attorney, and municipal judge are elected for four-year terms. The Mayor is elected for a three-year term. Alderpersons are elected for two-year terms. Other officers are appointed as provided by law.

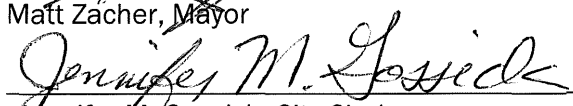
Whenever three (3) or more candidates file nomination papers for a city office, a primary to nominate candidates for the office shall be held. (Charter Ordinance #1144)

**SECTION IV** This is a Charter Ordinance and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its passage and publication, unless within such sixty (60) days a referendum petition shall be filed as provided by Sec. 66.0101, Wis. Stats., in which event this Ordinance shall not take effect unless submitted to a referendum and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

**SECTION V** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2025.

  
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Matt Zacher, Mayor

  
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Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk

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