

Certification of Ordinance

I, Patti Anderson, am the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin.

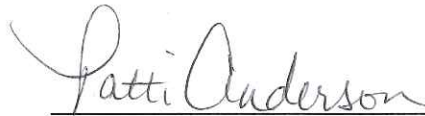
I hereby certify that the attached are true and correct copies of the Charter 4 Ordinance adopted by 2/3 vote at the Common Council meeting on January 9, 2018.

I further certify that the Ordinance was published in the Wisconsin State Journal as a class 1 notice on January 16, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate in my official capacity on March 19, 2018

(SEAL)




Patti Anderson
City Clerk

Mayor Gonzalez
Introduced by

Finance
Prepared by

Common Council
Referred to

December 12, 2017
Date

CHARTER ORDINANCE 4

ESTABLISHING STAGGERED TERMS FOR ALDERPERSONS AND AMENDING MAYORAL TERM TO THREE YEARS

The Common Council of the City of Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin ordains as follows:

Section 1 – Section 4-1 is hereby amended to read:

Sec. 4-1. - Form of government.

The city is a state political corporation, has the powers and privileges afforded cities under the constitution and laws of the state and of the United States of America. Its corporate authority is vested in a mayor and common council comprised of the mayor and eight alderpersons, two from each of four aldermanic districts. Commencing with the spring election in April of 2020, the mayor is to be elected for a three year term, and the alderpersons are to be elected for two year terms on a staggered basis with alderpersons for District 1 seat 2, District 2 seat 4, District 3 seat 6, and District 4 seat 8 elected in even years and alderpersons for District 1 seat 1 District 2 seat 3, District 3 seat 5, and District 4 seat 7 elected in odd years.

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2. Alderpersons for District 1 seat 1 District 2 seat 3, District 3 seat 5, and District 4 seat 7 shall be elected for a two (2) year term.

Commencing with the spring election in April of 2020, the alderpersons are to be elected for two year terms on a staggered basis as described in subsection (a) above.

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Sec. 8-37. - Election.

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Section 6 – This ordinance shall take effect 60 days after publication unless, within the 60-day period a petition conforming to the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 8.40 and signed by a number of electors of the City equal to not less than 7 percent of the votes cast in the City for governor at the last general election is filed with the City Clerk demanding that the ordinance be submitted to a vote of the electors. In that event, this ordinance will not take effect until it is submitted to a referendum and approved by a majority of the electors voting in the referendum.

Adopted this 9th day of January, 2018.

Patti Anderson
Patti Anderson, City Clerk

Jason C. Gonzalez
Jason C. Gonzalez, Mayor

Published: January 17, 2018

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Ellen M. Morgan

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My Commission expires July 31st, 2021

ELLEN M MORGAN
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