

ORDINANCE 337
TOWN OF RICO

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF RICO, COLORADO TEMPORARILY AMENDING THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES TO PROVIDE FOR STAGGERED ELECTIONS; AND FURTHER CHANGING THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM APRIL TO NOVEMBER

WHEREAS, currently the terms of office of all six (6) trustees and the mayor terminate simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that simultaneous expiration of the two-year terms of office of all of the trustees and the mayor could be detrimental to the Town and to the continuity of legislative actions and the business of the Town; and

WHEREAS, to provide for staggered terms of office, it is necessary that the terms of office be amended temporarily so that the terms of office of three (3) of the six (6) trustee seats expire two years after the next municipal election in the year 2000 and that the terms of office of the remaining three (3) of the six (6) trustee seats expire three years after such election ; and

WHEREAS, staggered two year terms of office for the Board of Trustees will require that the Town hold municipal elections every year, rather than every other year; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the cost associated with holding municipal elections every year, the Board of Trustees has further determined that the general municipal election should be held in November in conjunction with statewide elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF RICO, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1

A. Change of Timing of General Municipal Elections. Except as provided in Section B below, beginning in the year 2000 and continuing thereafter, the Town's general municipal elections shall be held in November on the same day as statewide elections and, whenever possible and desirable, shall be part of a coordinated election.

B. Temporary Amendment to Terms of Office of Trustees and Mayor.

1. The terms of office of the trustees and mayor elected on April 7, 1998, or appointed to any seat vacated by any trustee or the mayor elected on April 7, 1998, shall extend until the general municipal election in November, 2000.

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2. After all votes for trustees in the November, 2000 elections have been counted, all of the candidates for the Board of Trustees, excluding mayoral candidates, shall be ranked in descending order based upon the number of votes received by each candidate, beginning with the candidate who received the greatest number of votes.

a. The term of office for the three (3) candidates for the Board of Trustees who received the greatest number of votes shall be three (3) years.

b. The term of office for the next three (3) candidates shall be two (2) years.

3. The term of office for all trustees elected after the elections in 2000 shall be two (2) years, unless a trustee is elected to fill a vacated seat, in which case the term of office shall not extend beyond the term of office of the trustee whose seat was vacated.

Section 2

The officers of the town are authorized to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 3

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, such decision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4

This ordinance is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the town, and covers matters of local concern.

Section 5

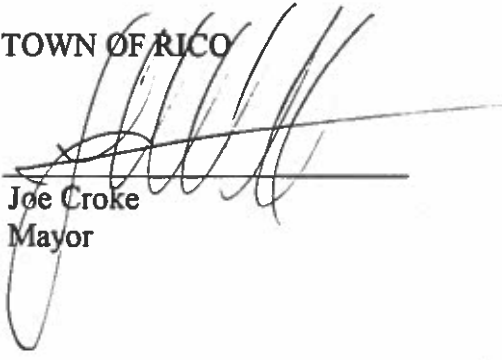
The Board of Trustees deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title only and orders that copies of this ordinance be made available at the office of the town clerk for public inspection and copying.

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INTRODUCED, READ, ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY, AND REFERRED to a public hearing before the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rico, Colorado on the 15th day of July, 1998.

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By:



Joe Croke
Mayor

ATTEST



Linda Yellowman
Town Clerk

HEARD AND FINALLY ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rico, Colorado this 15th day of July, 1998.

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