

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
THE CITY OF AUBURN CHARTER  
SECTIONS 5.13 and 5.16**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF AUBURN CHARTER  
ORIGINALLY APPROVED MARCH 14, 1949 (GA.L 1949, P. 807) AS AMENDED,  
TO REPEAL CONFLICTING LAWS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed its Charter provisions relating to the election and service of the Mayor and City Council members and determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City to revise the manner in which the Mayor and City Council members are elected and the terms of office for which they may be elected;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN HEREBY ORDAINS that the City Charter be amended as follows:

1.

The existing Section 5.13 of the City Charter is hereby deleted, and the following Section 5.13 Election of Mayor and City Council members is substituted in its place:

**SECTION 5.13**

Section 5.13 Election of Mayor and City Council members:

- (a) The members of the City Council shall serve terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. The term of office of each member of the City Council shall begin on the first day of January immediately following the election of such member, unless general law authorizes or requires the term to begin at the first organizational meeting in January or upon some other date. No person shall be eligible to serve as Mayor or Councilmember unless that person shall have been a resident of the City for 12 months prior to the date of the election; each shall continue to reside in the City during his or her period of service and to be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of this City.
- (b) The City Council seats shall be designated Post 1, Post 2, Post 3, and Post 4. Candidates shall designate the post for which they are offering for election when qualifying for election.
- (c) The Mayor and members of the City Council shall be elected by the electors of the City at large. To avoid the costs and expense associate with runoff elections, the person receiving a plurality of the votes cast for any City office shall be elected.

2.

The following Section 5.16--Terms of Office is adopted as follows:

Section 5.16 Terms of Office

Commencing with the election after the start of the term of Council beginning January 1, 2026, and thereafter, no Council member elected or qualified for three consecutive terms shall be eligible for the next succeeding term based upon previous elective service.

Commencing with the election after the start of the term of Council beginning January 1, 2026 and thereafter, no Mayor elected or qualified for three consecutive terms shall be eligible for the next succeeding term based upon previous elective service. The limitation of two consecutive terms shall not overlap or run concurrent between being a Council member position and a Mayor as the term limit period is to the particular elected position and are not to be combined.

3.

In the event any Court of competent jurisdiction determines that any of the foregoing amendments are unconstitutional or otherwise illegal, such rulings shall not impair the validity of the rest and remainder of this Charter.

4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

5.

This Amendment has been adopted at two regular consecutive meetings, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3(b).

6.

This Amendment shall be effective commencing with the election after the start of the Council term beginning January 1, 2026.

IT IS SO ORDAINED this \_\_\_\_ day of March 6, 2025.

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Richard E. Roquemore, Mayor

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Robert L. Vogel, III, Council Member

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Jamie L. Bradley, Council Member

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Taylor J. Sisk, Council Member

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Joshua Rowan, Council Member

ATTEST:

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Brooke Haney, City Clerk