

CITY OF CENTRAL

BY COUNCILMEMBER FRENEAUX

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-30

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF A
MAYOR PRO TEMPORE ANNUALLY AND TO PROVIDE FOR
RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, R.S. 33:405(A)(3)(a) requires the governing authority in a municipality governed by the Lawrason Act to “select one of its members to be mayor pro tempore”;

WHEREAS, R.S. 33:405(A)(3)(a) provides “the mayor pro tempore shall preside at the meeting in the absence of the mayor”;

WHEREAS, R.S. 33:405(A)(3)(a) grants the mayor pro tempore “all rights and powers granted to the mayor with regard to presiding at any such meeting”;

WHEREAS, R.S. 33:405(A)(4) provides, “[i]f the mayor is unable to carry out the duties of the office of the mayor by reason of physical or mental disability, as determined by a licensed physician, the mayor pro tempore shall perform all of the duties of the mayor for the duration of any such disability”;

WHEREAS, R.S. 33:405(A)(5) provides, “[i]f a vacancy occurs in the office of the mayor, the mayor pro tempore shall perform all the duties of the mayor until such time as the vacancy is filled as otherwise provided by law”; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 33:405(A)(6) provides, “[t]he mayor pro tempore shall have no additional authority to perform the duties of the mayor except as provided in” R.S. 33:405 “or upon the written consent of the mayor”;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Central, State of Louisiana as follows:

Section 1. Section 1:106 of the Central Code of Ordinances is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 1:106. – Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

- A. Beginning in 2023, the Mayor Pro Tempore shall be elected annually at the first Council Meeting of the calendar year to serve two years or until a successor is elected.
- B. The Mayor Pro Tempore shall be eligible for reelection.
- C. This Section shall not prevent the Council from electing a Mayor Pro Tempore at any other time the Council deems appropriate.

Section 2. Conflicts

The specific terms and conditions of this Ordinance shall prevail against prior ordinances of the City to the extent there is any conflict.

Section 3. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or parts thereof, other than the part declared invalid. The remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected by the declaration of invalidity and shall remain in force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

Introduced before the Council on September 22, 2020.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

For: Evans, McKinney, Moak, and Myer
Against: Freneaux, Roy, and Wells
Absent: None

Adopted this 13th day of October, 2020.

Signed this 16th day of October, 2020.

Delivered to Mayor on the 2nd day of November, 2020:

[Signature]
Mark Miley, City Clerk

Approved:

[Signature]
David R. Barrow, Mayor

Received from Mayor on the 2nd day of November, 2020:

[Signature]
Mark Miley, City Clerk

Adopted Ordinance published in The Advocate on the 6th day of November, 2020.