

CHAPTER NINE: MINICIPAL ELECTIONS

902 Background Findings

Laws of Minnesota 1994, Chapter 646, Laws of Minnesota 1995, Chapter 8, and Minnesota Statutes, Section 205.07 (collectively, the “Act”) require the City of the Village of Minnetonka Beach to modify the election system provided for in Article III of the Home Rule Charter of the Village of Minnetonka Beach to provide for elections in either odd-numbered years or even-numbered years, but not both. The Act also requires that (i) members of the council be elected to four-terms, and (ii) the mayor be elected for either a two-year term or a four-year term. The Act applies to municipal elections for terms commencing in 1998. City Ordinance 901 provides that from and after 1998 the City hold biennial elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years. The Ordinance further provides that the terms of the trustees and the recorder be staggered so that only two of the four offices be open for election in any election year.

(1) Transition Schedule. The council has investigated several alternatives and concluded that it is in the best interest of the City and its citizens to adopt the following transition schedule.

(A) An election shall be held as and when scheduled according to the home Rule charter of the Village of Minnetonka Beach on June 17, 1997. Thereafter, the general municipal election will be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years as provided in City Ordinance 901 on the Minnetonka Beach City Code. The transition schedule to come into compliance with the Act for the terms, and for the respective offices is described in the following table:

Office	Original Terms Under Home Rule Charter	New Terms by Ordinance	Next Election	Years of Term
Mayor	July 1997 – June 1998	July 1997 – December 1998	1998	2 Years
Recorder	July 1997 – June 1998	July 1997 – December 1998	1998	4 Years
Trustee 1	July 1997 – June 2000	July 1997 – December 2000	2000	4 Years
Trustee 2	July 1995 – June 1998	July 1995 – December 1998	1998	4 Years
Trustee 3	July 1996 – June 1999	July 1996 – December 2000	2000	4 Years
Treasurer	July 1997 – June 2000	July 1997 – December 1998	1998	2 Years

(B) The city clerk is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to provide for an orderly transition from the existing election schedule to the schedule set forth in section (1)(A).

- (2) Effective Date. This ordinance is effective in accordance with Minnetonka Beach City Code and applies to municipal general elections in the years 1997 and thereafter.