ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BOERNE, TEXAS DESIGNATING TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ESTABLISHING A STAGGERED ELECTION SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the City Council of Boerne, Texas desires to establish clear and consistent term lengths for its elected council members; and

WHEREAS, the Council seeks to promote continuity and effective governance through staggered terms of office; and

WHEREAS, the City's Home Rule Charter authorizes the City Council to establish such terms by ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOERNE, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. TERMS OF OFFICE

1.1. **Term Length.** Each City Council Member shall serve a term of three (3) years, unless otherwise specified by this ordinance or required by law.

1.2. **Staggered Terms.** City Council terms shall be staggered so that approximately one-third (1/3) of the Council seats are up for election every three (3) years.

1.3. Transition Schedule.

To implement the staggered terms, the following transition schedule shall apply:

| Year | Offices Up for Election |
|------|--|
| 2026 | District 1 (3 yrs), District 3 (3 yrs) |
| 2027 | District 4 (3 yrs), District 5 (3 yrs) |
| 2028 | Mayor (3 yrs), District 2 (3 yrs) |
| 2029 | District 1 (3 yrs), District 3 (3 yrs) |
| 2030 | District 4 (3 yrs), District 5 (3 yrs) |
| 2031 | Mayor (3 yrs), District 2 (3 yrs) |

1.4. **Elections.** Municipal elections for City Council Members shall be held in accordance with the established election schedule and procedures under state law and the City Charter.

SECTION 2. VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

2.1. Vacancies on the City Council shall be filled in accordance with the procedures set forth in the City Charter and applicable state law.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance will take effect upon the second and final reading of same.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the first reading the ____ day of May 2025.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this the second reading the _____ day of _____, 2025.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney