

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 8

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT
AND VILLAGE TRUSTEE**

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 62.09(5)(b) provides in part that the regular term of Village elective officers shall be 2 years, with a different tenure for such officers to be provided by charter ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Article IV(2) of the Village By-laws of the Municipal Code provides for 2 year terms of the offices of Village President and Village Trustee; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board having weighed the advantage to the electorate in selecting its representatives biennially, with those advantages so accruing as may be obtained from a continuity of service and policy implementation and administration, service less impacted by time spent campaigning and the election administrative cost savings which may be obtained by providing for longer terms of office; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board having found and determined that extending the term of office of Village President to 3 years and the terms of office of Village Trustees to 3 years will serve to promote the efficient administration of government and the health, safety and welfare of the Community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of the Village of Hales Corners, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Article IV(2) of the Village By-laws of the Municipal Code of the Village of Hales Corners, Wisconsin, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“TERMS OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS. The terms of office of all elective officers shall be 3 years and until their respective successors are elected or appointed and qualify. The 3 year terms shall commence in the year 2012 for the office of Village President and the three Village Trustee offices, the current terms of which are then expiring, and in the year 2013 for the other three Village Trustee offices, the current terms of which are then expiring.

SECTION 2: The terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable. Should any term or provision of this ordinance be found to be invalid by a court of

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competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in contravention to this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This Charter Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the expiration of 60 days after its passage and publication unless, within such 60 days, a petition signed by a number of electors of the Village of Hales Corners equal to not less than 7% of the votes cast therein for governor of the last general election shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Village of Hales Corners demanding that this Charter Ordinance be submitted to a vote of the electors and then, it shall only take effect upon submission to a referendum and approval by a majority of electors voting thereon, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0101(5).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2011.

Robert G. Ruesch, Village President

Countersigned:

(VILLAGE SEAL)

Michael F. Weber, Administrator/Clerk