ORDINANCE NO. 857

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF RAMSEY CITY OF NEW BRIGHTON

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE YEAR OF CITY ELECTIONS; AMENDING CITY CODE, SECTION 2-16

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRIGHTON ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Findings.

- (a) <u>Purpose</u>. The City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City and its residents to change the year in which the City's general municipal elections are held to even-numbered years in order to align the City's elections with the State and Federal elections. The purpose of this Ordinance is to change the timing of the City's general municipal election from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years.
- (b) <u>Authority</u>. Minnesota Statutes Section 205.07, subdivision 1 authorizes a city to change its general municipal election by passage of an ordinance by the city council at a regular meeting held at least 180 calendar days before the first day to file for candidacy in the next municipal election.
- (c) This Ordinance is being adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting at least 180 calendar days before the first day to file for candidacy at the next City election.

Section 2. Election Year. New Brighton City Code, Section 2-16 is amended by deleting the stricken material and adding the double underlined material as follows:

Sec. 2-16. Date of Regular Election.

Commencing with the 1975–2020 City election, the regular election for City officials shall be held annually on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even odd-numbered year. The 2019 City election is hereby cancelled. This provision is made pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205.07.

Section 3. Implementation and Effective Date.

The City Clerk is authorized to take all actions necessary to provide for an orderly transition from the existing election schedule to the schedule set forth in this section, including immediately sending written notice of the change to the County Auditor and the Secretary of State.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect 240 days after its passage and publication.

BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Valerie Johnson, Mayor

Dean R. Lotter, City Manager

ATTEST: