

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A QUALIFIED PERSON TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER FROM WARD 7 UNTIL A SUCCESSOR COUNCILMEMBER IS ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF WARD 7 IN THE REGULAR COUNCIL ELECTION OR ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN 2025; SUCH APPOINTMENT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE TO THE APPOINTEE, AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, Councilor Nikki Nice, Ward 7, resigned from the office of Councilmember from Ward 7 of The City of Oklahoma City, effective November 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the resignation of Councilor Nice has caused a vacancy in the office of Councilmember from Ward 7 for the balance of her unexpired term ending on April 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 4 of the Oklahoma City Charter, as amended, provides in pertinent part:

Section 4. Vacancies in the Council other than in the office of Mayor.

(a) Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Council by reason of death, resignation, incapacity, or removal of a member, the Council shall, within 30 days after the occurrence of such vacancy, by a majority vote, appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy in the Council. The appointee shall serve in such capacity only until a person has been duly elected to fill the vacated office at a special or regular Council election as provided by Subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Within 30 days after the vacancy occurs, the Council shall call a special election to take place within the shortest period of time permitted by the election laws of the State of Oklahoma for the purpose of electing a person to fill the balance of the unexpired term of office. The person duly elected at said special election shall thereafter fill the balance of the unexpired term of office of the vacating Councilmember. Provided:

(1) If the vacancy in the Council occurs on or after July 1 in an even-numbered year and the regular Council election in the same ward will be held in the following year, then no special election shall be called and the person appointed under Subsection (a) of this section shall serve until a successor is elected in that ward as a result of the regular election in the ward.* * *; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Mayor and Council must appoint an interim Councilor for Ward 7 by not later than December 13, 2024, which appointee shall serve only until the voters of Ward 7 elect a successor Councilor in the regular Council election or elections to be held in 2025; and

WHEREAS, LEE E. COOPER JR. is qualified to hold the office of Councilmember from Ward 7 because he or she meets all legal qualifications for such office as set forth in the Oklahoma City Charter, as amended, and in Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to appoint LEE E. COOPER JR. to fill the vacancy in the office of Councilor from Ward 7 to serve only the unexpired term of former Councilor Nikki Nice and until a successor Councilor has been elected by Ward 7 voters in the regular Council election or elections to be held in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to declare that the appointment made pursuant to this Resolution will become effective upon the administration of the oath or affirmation of office to the appointee, as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of The City of Oklahoma City that they do hereby appoint LEE E. COOPER JR. to fill the vacancy in the office of Councilor from Ward 7 to serve only until a successor Councilor is elected by Ward 7 voters in the regular Council election or elections in 2025.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointment made pursuant to this Resolution shall become effective upon the administration of the oath or affirmation of office to LEE E. COOPER JR., as required by law.

ADOPTED by the Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 19TH day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ATTEST:

Amy K. Simpson
City Clerk



David Holt
MAYOR

REVIEWED for form and legality.

Debra Jones
Municipal Counselor