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ORDINANCE NO. 2166

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF ALDERMEN BY WARD BY VOTE OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE WARD IN WHICH THEY EACH ARE A CANDIDATE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, recognizes that this Country was established on principles of a representative form of government; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eureka Springs believes that a system whereby an alderman would be elected only by the votes of the electors of the ward from which the alderman is a candidate would assure more equal representation by ward; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated Section 14-43-307 (b)(1)(A) provides that cities may, by ordinance, provide that all aldermen be elected by ward rather than at-large, in which event each alderman shall be voted upon by only the qualified electors of the ward from which he or she is a candidate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. The future election of aldermen in the City of Eureka Springs shall be by ward by vote only of the qualified electors of the ward in which they each are a candidate, and the names of the candidates in the respective wards shall be placed only on the ballots in the ward in which the candidate is running for office.

Section 2. A copy of this ordinance shall be given to the Carroll County Board of Election Commissioners so that future elections can be conducted in accordance with its provisions.

Section 3. Terms of the incumbent aldermen shall not be affected hereby.

Section 4. Provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any provision shall for any reason be held illegal or invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

Section 5. All ordinances and solutions and parts thereof, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2012

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Ann Armstrong, City Clerk/Treasurer

Morris Pate, Mayor