

ORDINANCE NO. 14

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TIME FOR THE FILING OF REFERENDUM PETITIONS PROVIDED FOR BY AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND FOR REGULATING THE PROCEDURE THEREON.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL HEIGHTS:

Section 1. All referendum petitions under Amendment 7 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, appearing on pages 1076 to 1084, inclusive of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas of the year 1925, must be filed with the Town Clerk within thirty days after the passage of such ordinance.

Section 2. Whenever any referendum petition is filed the Town Council shall give notice by publication for one insertion of a time not less than five days after the publication of such notice at which they will hear all persons who wish to be heard on the question whether such petition is signed by the requisite number of petitioners. At the time named the Town Council shall meet and hear all who wish to be heard on the question, and its decision shall be final, unless suit is brought in the chancery court of Benton County within thirty days to review its action.

Section 3. If the Town Council finds that such petition is signed by the requisite number of petitioners, it may order a special election or place the Question on the Ballot at the next Municipal Election to determine by vote of the qualified electors whether the ordinance shall stand or be revoked. The date for any special election shall not be less than ten days after the order therefore has been named by the Council, and said special elections shall be had and conducted as general municipal elections held in the Town of Bethel Heights.

Section 4. If any ordinance referred to the people is defeated at the polls, the Town Council shall make a note of such fact and shall expunge such ordinance from its files by erasing the same with red ink.

Section 5. If any provision of this ordinance is held to be void, it shall not affect the validity of the remainder, but the remainder shall stand.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED January 18, 1982.

APPROVED: B.P. Fromall
MAYOR

ATTEST: Onetta J. Clark
TOWN CLERK

FILED
AT 11/15 1982
Mary J. Skibrod
COUNTY CLERK