ORDINANCE NO. 2011-12

ORDINANCE CHANGING THE DATE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO COINCIDE WITH GENERAL ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 6-54-138

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Millington states that City elections will be held on the last Tuesday in September, 1980 and the last Tuesday in September in each fourth year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of said Charter provides that if a run-off election is necessary for one or more offices, such run-off election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated Section 6-54-138 provides that, notwithstanding the above stated provision of the City's Charter, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen may by ordinance change the date of City elections to coincide with the August or November general elections; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for more efficient elections in the City and to reduce the cost of holding elections for City offices, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen desires to change the date of City elections to coincide with the August or November general elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Millington, Tennessee, as follows:

Section 1. Beginning with the year 2012, the election for the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Millington and all other elected City officials shall be held on the same date in August in 2012 and every fourth year thereafter on which general elections are held. For 2012, the general election date is August 2, 2012.

Section 2. Beginning with the election in 2012, if in any election year a run-off for the position of Mayor or Alderman or any other elected City official should be necessary, such run-off election shall be held on the date of the November general election, which is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. For 2012, the November general election date is November 6, 2012.

Section 3. Section 5 of the City's Charter provides that newly elected officers shall take office on the first day of January following their election, so that no term of an elected official serving as of the date of adoption of this Ordinance will be abridged by the change of election date provided for hereby.

Section 4. The Mayor of the City of Millington shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance, upon its final passage, with the State Coordinator of Elections.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

First Reading: December 5, 2011
Second Reading: December 20, 2011
Third Reading: January 3, 2012

Richard L. Hodges, Mayor

Bruce Rasmussen, City Clerk
and Recorder