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3 **ORDINANCE NO. 19546**

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5 AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., amending  
6 City of Topeka Code § 2.15.020, establishing council meeting times  
7 and places pursuant to the provisions of the Charter Ordinance and  
8 specifically repealing said original section.  
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10 WHEREAS, City of Topeka Charter Ordinance No. 94 § 12, as codified at § A2-  
11 26 of the City Code, requires the City Council, at its first regular meeting after a city  
12 election, to establish a regular schedule of meeting times and dates for the next two  
13 years.

14 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY THE CITY OF TOPEKA:

15 Section 1. That section 2.15.020, Time of council meetings – To be open to  
16 the public, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 **Time of council meetings – To be open to the public.**

19 (a) The council shall, for the period of ~~April 21, 2009, to April 19, 2011~~ April 26,  
20 2011 to April 23, 2013, ~~to allow for a two-year period,~~ meet in the council  
21 chambers/municipal court complex on the second floor of the municipal building, the  
22 first four Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the  
23 business of the city, ~~except no meeting shall be conducted Tuesday, July 21, 2009;~~  
24 ~~instead a meeting shall be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, in the~~  
25 ~~council chambers.~~

26 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), ~~When~~ the date of a regular meeting falls  
27 on a legal holiday or any city primary or general election, the meeting ~~shall be adjourned~~  
28 ~~to the following Wednesday unless~~ may be rescheduled to another day ~~is fixed~~ in  
29 advance by the council.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), Aa council meeting may be canceled under any of the following circumstances provided that the number of council meetings in a month is not less than that required by TMC § A2-26:

(1) by a majority vote of the council; ~~provided, that in no event shall the number of council meetings in a month be less than that required by Charter Ordinance No. 94, Section 12, codified at Appendix A, Section A2-26.~~

(2) when the Mayor, with the concurrence of the Deputy Mayor,  
determines that special circumstances exist, including but not limited to the  
scheduling of a special event or a lack of agenda items; or

(3) by the City Manager in the event of inclement weather.

Section 2. That original § 2.15.020 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas,  
is hereby specifically repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

Section 4. This ordinance shall supersede all ordinances, resolutions or rules, or portions thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 5. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council April 12, 2011.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

ATTEST:

William W. Bunten, Mayor

Brenda Younger, City Clerk