

ORDINANCE 2025 - 01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MOFFAT, COLORADO ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION SCHEDULE AND TERMS FOR TRUSTEE AND MAYORAL SEATS BEGINNING IN THE 2026 ELECTION; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Moffat, Colorado, recognizes the need to establish a clear and consistent election schedule for the Town's trustees and mayor in order to ensure the effective governance and representation of the town's residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moffat has not had an elected trustee or mayor since at least 2014, and likely longer, as there have been no candidates to run for office; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moffat wishes to establish clear terms of office and stagger the terms of office for the trustees and mayor, with the goal of balancing the continuity of leadership and regular renewal of elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Moffat has determined that, beginning with the April 2026 election, three (3) trustee seats shall be up for election for a term of two (2) years, and three (3) trustee seats along with the mayoral position shall be up for election for a term of four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, all trustee and mayoral seats thereafter shall be up for election every four (4) years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MOFFAT, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The foregoing premises and findings are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this ordinance as if copied in their entirety.
2. **Election of Trustee Seats for the 2026 Election:**
 - a. **Three (3) Trustee Seats for Two-Year Terms:** In the 2026 election, three (3) trustee seats (Positions 1, 2, and 3) shall be up for election for a term of two (2) years. The individuals elected to these seats will serve from the time of their election until the next regular election, which shall be held in 2028.
 - b. **Three (3) Trustee Seats for Four-Year Terms:** In the 2026 election, three (3) trustee seats (Positions 4, 5, and 6) shall also be up for election for a term of four (4) years. The

individuals elected to these seats will serve from the time of their election until the next regular election, which shall be held in 2030.

3. Election of the Mayoral Seat for the 2026 Election:

a. The mayoral seat shall also be up for election in the 2026 election for a term of four (4) years. The individual elected to the mayor's seat shall serve from the time of their election until the next regular election, which shall be held in 2030.

4. Subsequent Elections:

Beginning with the 2028 election, and in each subsequent election thereafter, all positions up for election at that election shall be for terms of four (4) years each.

5. Terms of Office:

Trustee and mayoral terms shall be defined as beginning on the first Tuesday after the election following their election and ending on the first Monday after the applicable election.

6. Transition and Implementation:

a. The Town Clerk is directed to take all necessary steps to implement this ordinance and ensure that the election procedures for the 2026 election comply with the staggered terms established herein.

b. The Town Clerk shall prepare and publish all necessary election notices and instructions consistent with this ordinance to inform the public of the upcoming election schedule.

7. Severability:

If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance.

8. Repeal:

All ordinances of the Town in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby repealed and all other ordinances of the Town not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

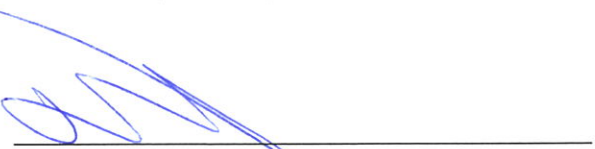
9. Effective Date:

This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after publication as may be required by law.

PASSED and APPROVED this 26th day of August, 2025, by the
Board of Trustees of the Town of Moffat, Colorado.



Melinda Myers, Mayor



Matt Litrenta, Town Clerk

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