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3/2/2021	2	City Council	Held at second reading	
2/16/2021	2	City Council	Held at one reading	
2/8/2021	1	Nominating and Rules Committee	Recommended to Council	Pass
1/19/2021	1	City Council	Referred	Pass
8/4/2020	1	City Council	Postponed Temporarily	Pass
7/28/2020	1	Nominating and Rules Committee	Recommended to Council	Pass

AN ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE SELECTION OF THE POSITION 1 COUNCIL MEMBER FROM EACH WARD TO BE VOTED ON BY ONLY THE CITIZENS OF THE WARD IN WHICH THEY SERVE

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro believes that it would be beneficial to the citizens of each ward to have one councilmember elected solely by the citizens of the ward they represent;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to send this measure to the voters to determine if the Position 1 council seat in each ward should be so elected;

WHEREAS, this shall in no way effect the way the Position 2 council seat is elected; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council that this change take place with the next regularly scheduled election for the Position 1 seat.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas that:

SECTION ONE: The provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to approval by a majority of the electors voting on the issue during the Primary Election to be held on May 24, 2022.

SECTION TWO: The change in how the Position 1 seat is elected shall take place at the next regularly scheduled election for that seat.

SECTION THREE: Per Ark. Code Ann. § 14-43-307(b)(1)(B)(ii) councilmembers running for election for Position 1 shall be elected solely by the citizens of their ward.

SECTION FOUR: All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION FIVE: Should any part or portion of this ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such invalidity as may be found shall not affect any other part or portion hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2021.