## ORDINANCE NO. <u>→ 005 - 18</u>

## AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, ARKANSAS, THE QUESTION OF ELECTING ALDERMEN TO FOUR YEAR TERMS

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton, Arkansas currently elects each of its Aldermen to a term of two years; and,

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 14-44-103(a)(3)(A) allows the voters to decide if the terms of the Aldermen should be extended to four years; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clinton believes that the voters of Clinton, Arkansas should have the opportunity to decide this issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, ARKANSAS:

**Section 1.** That there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Clinton, Arkansas, the question of electing Aldermen to four year terms.

**Section 2.** The question of electing Aldermen to four year terms shall be submitted to the electors qualified to vote on this issue at the General Election to be held on November 7, 2006. The City Clerk shall immediately notify the Van Buren County Election Commission by forwarding a certified copy of this Ordinance to it.

**Section 3.** If at such election a majority of the qualified electors voting in said election shall vote in favor of four year terms then those candidates for the position of Alderman Position 1 in each of the wards shall run for a term of four years at the next general election in 2008. The candidates for Alderman Position 2 shall run for a term of two years in the general election in 2008 and then for terms of four years beginning in the general election in 2010.

**Section 4.** If at such election a majority of the qualified electors voting in said election shall vote against four year terms then this Ordinance shall be null and void.

**Section 5.** The ballots used at said election on the question of four year terms for Aldermen shall be marked as follows:

## ON THE QUESTION OF EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ALDERMAN FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, ARKANSAS, FROM A TWO YEAR TERM TO A FOUR YEAR TERM

FOR	_/
AGAINST/	_/

PASSED: September 8, 2005

Chip Ellis, Mayor

ATTEST:

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APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Brad A. Cazort, City Attorney