ORDINANCE NO. 26-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AMENDING COLUMBUS CITY CODE (ORDINANCE NO. 24-01) SECTION 31.001 OF CHAPTER 31 OF TITLE III, REGARDING APPOINTMENTS OF CITY OFFICERS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus desires to amend the city code to change the appointment of City officers from the second regular meeting in December following the Mayoral election to the first regular meeting in June; and

WHEREAS, delaying the appointment of City officers following the election of a new Mayor will allow the incoming Mayor time to become familiar with existing staff, procedures, projects, and processes before making significant decisions regarding the appointment of key staff leadership positions, while also ensuring continuity of city services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Section 31.001 of Chapter 31 of Title III of the Columbus City Code shall be amended and revised to read as follows:

Section 31.001 – Appointments

(A) Every four (4) years, following the mayoral election, the Mayor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of a majority of the City Council, at the first regular meeting in June, the following city officers: Engineer; Attorney; Physician; City Clerk; Finance Director; and City Administrator, each of whom shall hold office until new appointments are made, as provided above, or until sooner removed.

(B) The Mayor shall appoint at such time and in such manner as provided by the provisions of this code:

(1) A Chief of the Fire Department, Assistant Chief of the Fire Department and safety trainer;

(2) Chief of Police; and

(3) Such other officers, board members and city employees as may be provided for by the provisions of this code.

Penalty, see § 50.99

Section 2. This Ordinance shall repeal all Ordinances or portions thereof and conflict herewith.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication according to law. Publication shall be in pamphlet form as authorized by Nebraska Revised Statutes § 16-405 with distribution to be made by making copies available to the public upon request at the office of the city clerk.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER Charlie Bahr

PASSED ND ADOPTED THIS 8 DAY OF September, 2026.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA SEAL FEBRUARY 11, 1865

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY