

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF YORK )  
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TOWN OF CLOVER )

**ORDINANCE 19-04**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 32.01 (F) OF THE TOWN OF CLOVER, SOUTH CAROLINA, CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF CLOVER FROM TWO-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE TO FOUR-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS OF OFFICE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERMS OF OFFICE SHALL COMMENCE IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY FOLLOWING THE GENERAL ELECTION.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clover, South Carolina, pursuant to Section 5-5-10 of the South Carolina Code of laws, by ordinance adopted on December 8, 1975, adopted the Council form of municipal government with a Mayor and six Councilmembers as set forth in Chapter 30, Section 30.001 of the Town Code, and

WHEREAS, under Section 5-15-40, South Carolina Code of Laws, the Town is authorized to establish by ordinance the terms of office for the Mayor and Councilmembers, and

WHEREAS, the Clover Town Council heretofore provided for two-year terms of office for the Mayor and six Councilmembers as set forth in Chapter 32, Section 32.01 (F) of the Town Code, and

WHEREAS, the Clover Town Council finds and determines that it would be in the best interests of the Town of Clover and the residents and citizens of the Town to amend the Town of Clover Code of Ordinances to provide for the terms of office of the Mayor and Councilmembers to be expanded to four-year staggered terms so as to provide for greater continuity and overlapping of experience in the administration of the governmental responsibilities of the Town Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED in Council duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, that Section 32.01 (F) of the Town of Clover, South Carolina Code of Ordinances is hereby amended so that after amendment Section 32.01 (F) shall read as follows:

(F) The Mayor and six Councilmembers shall be elected for four-year staggered terms of office effective with the terms of office commencing in January 2020, following the November 2019 general election with the Mayor and three Councilmembers being elected in the same general election, provided, however, in order to establish staggered terms, that of the Mayor and those Councilmembers elected in the November 2019 general election, the Mayor and three

Councilmembers who receive the highest number of votes shall serve four-year terms and the remaining three Councilmembers elected shall receive initial terms of two years only, and thereafter, the Mayor and Councilmembers shall be elected on a staggered basis for four-year terms.

**Effective Date.** This ordinance is effective immediately upon adoption.

**Severability.** If any part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, it shall be construed to have been the legislative intent to pass said Ordinance without such invalid or unconstitutional provision, and the remainder of said Ordinance shall be deemed to be valid as if such portion had not been included. If said Ordinance, or any provisions thereof, is held to be inapplicable to any person, group of persons, property, kind of property, circumstances or set of circumstances, such holding shall not affect the applicability thereof to any other persons, property or circumstances.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.

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Mayor  
Council:

(Town Seal)

Attest:

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Town Clerk

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_