

**BY COUNCIL MEMBER MOAK**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013 - 21**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A PLAN FOR HOLDING  
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION  
DATES AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, since incorporation of the City of Central, elections for officials of the City of Central have been held in the spring; and

WHEREAS, elections held in the spring are often more costly than elections held in conjunction with Congressional elections; and

WHEREAS, municipal elections held in conjunction with other regularly scheduled elections may increase voter participation; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Central desires to reduce election expenses and to maximize voter participation in municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:383(A)(2)(a) permits municipalities to adopt a plan for holding municipal elections at the congressional elections in accordance with R.S. 18:402(B);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Central, State of Louisiana as follows:

**Section 1.** Beginning in 2018, municipal elections for the City of Central shall be conducted at the congressional elections in accordance with R.S. 18:402(B).

**Section 2.** The terms of office for municipal officials elected at the 2014 municipal elections for the City of Central shall commence on July 1, 2014 and end on December 31, 2018 in accordance with La. R.S. 33:383(A)(2)(d).

**Section 3.** The Clerk for the City of Central is hereby directed to file a copy of the foregoing ordinance with Louisiana Secretary of State Tom Schedler pursuant to La. R.S. 33:383(A)(2)(a).

**Section 4. Conflicts.** This Ordinance shall supersede any and all other ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or parts thereof, other than the part declared invalid. The remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected by the declaration of invalidity and shall remain in force and effect.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication but shall not be enforceable until approved in accordance with Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, in the event preclearance is required.

Introduced on June 25, 2013.

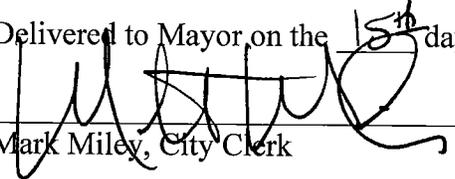
This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

For: DeJohn, LoBue, Messina, Moak, and Washington  
Against: None  
Absent: None

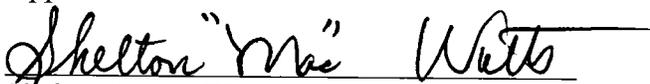
Adopted the 9th day of July, 2013.

Signed the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

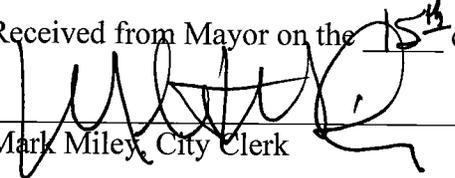
Delivered to Mayor on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013:

  
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Mark Miley, City Clerk

Approved:

  
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Shelton "Mac" Watts, Mayor

Received from Mayor on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013:

  
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Mark Miley, City Clerk

Adopted Ordinance published in The Advocate on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.