

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE PARADISE VALLEY TOWN CODE CHAPTER 2 (MAYOR AND COUNCIL), ARTICLE 2-2 (MAYOR), SECTION 2-2-2, RELATING TO SELECTION OF THE VICE MAYOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Paradise Valley, as follows:

Section 1. The Town Code, Chapter 2 (Mayor and Council), Article 2-2 (Mayor), Section 2-2-2, is hereby amended as follows (new text is shown in **bold underline** and deletions are shown in ~~strikethrough~~):

Section 2-2-2 Vice Mayor

At the first regular meeting in January of each year, the **eligible** Council **Member, as determined by the process below,** shall ~~be~~ designated ~~one of its members~~ as Vice Mayor **for a one-year term,** subject to a term limit of no more than 2 consecutive yearly terms for any individual member. The Vice Mayor shall perform the duties of the Mayor during his absence or disability.

A. **The Council Member eligible to serve as Vice Mayor shall be the longest serving Council Member who (i) has not previously served as the Vice Mayor, (ii) has served at least one year as an elected Council Member, and (iii) agrees to serve.**

B. **If multiple Council Members meet the requirements of Subsection A above and have the same length of service on the Council, the Council Member deemed to be the longest serving member shall be determined based upon the number of votes for the position of Council Member received by each such Council Member, calculated at the most recent election when each such Council Member was elected; the Council Member with the highest number of votes shall be deemed the longest serving.**

C. **If all current Council Members have previously served as the Vice Mayor, Council Members shall be eligible in the order they previously served as Vice Mayor.**

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance, or of the amendments hereby adopted, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. The Mayor, the Town Manager, the Town Clerk, and the Town Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Paradise Valley this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mark Stanton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Andrew McGuire, Town Attorney