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***FULL TEXT OF TERM LIMIT ORDINANCE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 ELECTION***

**ORDINANCE NO. 788**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA  
ADDING ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2-1.601 TO TITLE 2, CHAPTER 1  
ESTABLISHING TERM LIMITS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS. The City Council finds and determines as follows:

- A. California Government Code section 36502 provides that the City may prospectively limit the number of terms a Member of the City Council may serve after approval by a vote of the people.
- B. The City Council is authorized and directed by statute to submit an ordinance to the voters.

SECTION 2. NEW ARTICLE 6 TO TITLE 2, CHAPTER 1. A new Article 6 to Title 2, Chapter 1 is hereby added to read as follows:

**Article 6. - Term Limits**

Section 2-1.601

Effective with the November 2018 Council election, no person shall serve as a member of the City Council for more than two consecutive four-year terms, either by election or appointment. Following a minimum two year absence, a new two consecutive four-year term limit shall apply.

SECTION 3. VOTER APPROVAL. This ordinance shall take effect 10 days following certification by the City Council of approval by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the City voting at the November 8, 2016 election.

SECTION 4. PUBLICATION AND CERTIFICATION. The City Clerk shall publish this ordinance as required by applicable law. Upon approval by the voters, the City Clerk shall certify the passage of this ordinance by the voters, and cause the ordinance to be codified in the Coalinga Municipal Code.

APPROVED:

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Mayor, Ron Ramsey

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City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and read at a regular meeting of the City Council held on August 4, 2016, and was adopted at a regular meeting of said Council held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk