

**CITY OF FRUITVALE
ORDINANCE NO. 004.98**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TERMS OF OFFICE
FOR THE OFFICES OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMAN
OF THE CITY OF FRUITVALE, TEXAS, AT TWO YEARS**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and the City Council of the
City of Fruitvale, Texas as Follows:**

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code, Section 23.026(a), provides that "The mayor, alderman, and marshall of the municipality are elected for a term of one year unless a longer term is established under Subsection (b) or under Article XI, Section 11, of the Texas Constitution"; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code, Section 23.026(a), provides that "in lieu of one-year terms of office, the governing body may provide by ordinance for two-year staggered terms of office for the mayor and aldermen."; and

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 11, of the Constitution of the State of Texas provides that a city, town, or village operating under the general laws of the state of Texas may provide for longer term of office than two years for its officers"; and

WHEREAS, heretofore, the officers of the **CITY OF FRUITVALE, TEXAS** have been elected for three-year staggered terms; and

WHEREAS, the **CITY COUNCIL** has determined that it would be in the best interest of the City and its citizens to provide by ordinance for two-year staggered terms of office for the offices of mayor and alderman (city councilman);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Two-year Terms of Office. Beginning with the municipal election for the year 1998, officers of the **City of Fruitvale** shall be elected for two-year staggered terms.

Section 2: No Reduction of Present Term of Office. Nothing in this Ordinance shall operate so as to reduce the present term of office of any elected official of the City.

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared adopted and was signed and approved by the Mayor.

APPROVED: 02-09-1998

Bea Whisenhunt 2-9-1998
Bea Whisenhunt, Mayor