

**VILLAGE OF NORTH BRANCH**

**ELECTION ORDINANCE**

**REDUCTION OF VILLAGE TRUSTEES TO FOUR**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 38.3**

An ordinance to provide for biennial Village elections in November of even-numbered years; to provide for terms of office for Village officials; to provide for the extension of terms of office pursuant to Public Act 551 of 2012; and to reduce the number of Trustees from six to four as authorized by M.C.L. 62.1(2).

THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BRANCH ORDAINS:

Section 1. Biennial November Elections. All elections for Village offices shall be held in November of even-numbered years on the same day as State elections.

Section 2. Terms of Office. The terms of office for the Village President, Clerk, Treasurer, and the four Trustees shall be four years.

Section 3. Extension of Terms of Office. In order to comply with the change in election dates mandated by state statute, the current terms of office of Village officials are extended as follows:

- a. The terms of office of the Village Trustees elected in 2011 are extended to November 20, 2016.
- b. The term of office of the Village Treasurer elected in 2011 is hereby extended to November 20, 2016.

Section 4. Reduction in Number of Trustees. The number of Trustees on the Village Council is hereby reduced from six to four. Any vacancies which exist at the effective date of this Ordinance shall not be filled unless necessary to maintain a membership of four Trustees.

Section 5. Staggered Trustee Terms. Commencing with the November 2016 election, only two trustees shall be elected every two years. Trustees shall be elected as follows:

- a. Two trustees shall be elected at the November general election in 2016 for four year terms commencing on November 20, 2016.
- b. Two trustees shall be elected at the November general election in 2018 for four year terms commencing on November 20, 2018.

Section 6. Notice of Right of Referendum. The Clerk shall publish a notice of the right to petition for a referendum on this ordinance at the same time the ordinance is published. If a qualified petition is filed within 45 days, this ordinance shall not take effect unless approved by the voters at a referendum election.

Section 7. Repeal of Prior Ordinances. The former Village of North Branch Election Ordinance No. 38.2, adopted on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

The undersigned Clerk of the Village of North Branch hereby certifies that this ordinance was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the North Branch Village Council at a meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015. This ordinance was published in The LA View on the 11th day of June, 2015. This ordinance becomes effective forty-five (45) days after the date of adoption.

(SIGNED) \_\_\_\_\_  
Betty L. Kennedy, Clerk  
Village of North Branch