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Ordinance No: _____

“SAMPLE ORDINANCE OPTING OUT OF TMA”

AN ORDINANCE OPTING OUT OF THE OKLAHOMA TOWN MEETING ACT (11 O.S., Section 16-101 et seq.); REQUIRING ELECTIONS AND INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM QUESTIONS TO BE DECIDED ONLY THROUGH ELECTIONS CONDUCTED BY THE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be it ordained by the (board of trustees/councilmembers) in the (City/Town) of _____, Oklahoma:

Section 1. Pursuant to 11 O.S., Section 16-302 (effective November 1, 2013), the (Town/City) of _____ hereby declares that it shall not be governed by the Oklahoma Town Meeting Act as a means of electing its officers and deciding initiative and referendum questions. (Town/City) of _____ is less than 2,000 residents as of the 2010 Federal census.

Section 2. The (Town/City) of _____ shall hereby elect its officers and decide initiative and referendum questions through elections conducted by the county election board pursuant to 11 O.S., Section 16-101 et seq.

Section 3. The effective date of this ordinance shall be _____, 20____.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk