CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA

RESOLUTION 2013-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WILLCOX, ARIZONA PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES §16-204 AS AMENDED BY THE ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE IN 2012.

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Legislature in 2012 amended Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §16-204 to consolidate all regular candidate elections, including those of the City of Willcox, Arizona to the Fall primary and general election dates of even numbered years; and,

WHEREAS, this new law requires conformity as of the 2014 Fall election cycle, therefore preventing the City of Willcox from holding its regularly scheduled Spring municipal elections which would have been held in the Spring of 2014 and 2016; and,

WHEREAS, this new law becomes effective January 1, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, this new law requires adjusting the terms of the members of the City Council currently serving in office so that their presently elected terms will expire at a time allowing for conformity with Fall election cycle in even numbered years, which requires further compliance with A.R.S. §16-642 provding for the canvass of the vote and 9-232 providing for the assembly of council after election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA:

SECTION 1: The term of any City Council member with two or fewer years left in their presently elected term shall expire at the beginning of the first regularly schedule council meeting scheduled in December of 2014 and their successors shall be chosen according to law for four (4) year terms during the Fall consolidated election dates in 2014; and,

SECTION 2: The term of any City Council member with two or more years left in their presently elected term shall expire at the beginning of the first regularly schedule council meeting scheduled in December of 2016 and their successors shall be chosen according to law for four (4) year terms during the Fall consolidated election dates in 2016; and,

SECTION 3: All successive City Council members shall be elected to council for four (4) years terms during the Fall election cycle of even numbered years that shall expire at the beginning of the first regularly schedule council meeting in December following such election; and,

SECTION 4: That the Mayor is authorized and empowered to execute this Resolution as presented; and,

SECTION 5: The appropriate officials of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or reasonably required to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, this 16th day of December, 2013.

APPROVED/EXECUTED

/s/ Robert A. Irvin ROBERT A. IRVIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Dated: <u>12-17-2013</u>

/s/ Virginia A. Mefford VIRGINIA A. MEFFORD, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Ann P. Roberts ANN P. ROBERTS, City Attorney