

MEASURE Q

Sec. 404.- Vacancies

~~A vacancy in an elective office, from whatever cause arising, except in the event of a successful recall, shall be filled by appointment by the City Council, such appointee to hold office until the first Tuesday following the next general municipal election and until his successor qualifies. At the next general municipal election following any vacancy, a successor shall be elected to serve for the remainder of any unexpired term.~~

If a member of the City Council or the Mayor is absent from three consecutive regular meetings of the City Council, unless by permission of the City Council expressed in its official minutes, or is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, the office of such person shall become vacant.

~~Within fourteen days from notice of the vacancy, ¶the City Council shall declare the existence of any vacancy in elected office, from whatever cause arising, except in the event of a successful recall. In the event it shall fail to fill a vacancy by appointment within sixty days after such office shall have been so declared vacant, it shall cause an election to be held forthwith to fill such vacancy.~~

~~For vacancies in elected office with no more than one year remaining on the term from declaration of the vacancy, the City Council shall appoint to fill the vacancy for the remaining term within sixty days after such office shall have been declared vacant. In the event the City Council fails to fill such vacancy by appointment within sixty days after such office shall have been declared vacant, the City Council shall cause an election to be held within one hundred twenty days to fill such vacancy.~~

~~For vacancies in elected office with more than one year remaining on the term, the City Council shall call a special election for the purpose of filling the vacancy for the remainder of the term. Such special election shall be held within one hundred twenty days after such office shall have been declared vacant.~~

~~If in a special election to fill a vacancy for a member of the City Council for any ward, or for the office of Mayor, no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the office, the City Council shall immediately upon the determination of that fact, call a special runoff election to be held within ninety days. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the special election to fill the vacancy shall be declared the candidates for the special runoff election.~~

~~If for any election called pursuant to this section, there is a local or statewide election scheduled within one hundred eighty days after such office shall have been declared vacant, the City Council shall consolidate the special election with such local or statewide election.~~

~~Appointed officials shall not be permitted to reference "incumbent", "member of the City Council", "Mayor", or other designation indicating incumbency in a Statement of Qualifications published in the sample ballot materials at the subsequent election for the same seat.~~

MEASURE R

Sec. 400. Enumerated; number, term and manner of election; wards.

- (a) The elective officers of the City shall consist of a City Council of seven members, elected from wards, and a Mayor elected from the City at large, at the times and in the manner provided in this Charter, who shall serve for a term of four years and until their respective successors qualify. The terms of all officials, so elected, shall be deemed to have commenced on the fifth Tuesday following the general municipal election.
- (b) The members of the City Council shall be nominated and elected by wards by the registered voters of the respective wards only. One member of the City Council shall be elected by each ward, and only the registered voters of each ward shall vote for the member of the City Council to be elected by that ward. In those wards where there are more than two candidates, only a candidate receiving a majority of the total votes cast for the office shall be declared elected.
- (c) If in an election for a member of the City Council for any ward, or for the office of Mayor, no candidate receives a majority of the total votes cast for the office, the City Council shall immediately upon the determination of that fact, call a special election to be held on the ~~first Tuesday following the first Monday of November of that same year~~ same day as the statewide election of that same year, consistent with the general election date set by the State. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the office in the general municipal election shall be declared the candidates for the special election.
- (d) Notwithstanding the paragraph above, if in the June 8, 2021, election for members of the City Council for Wards 2, 4, and 6, no candidate receives a majority of the total votes cast for the office, the City Council shall immediately upon the determination of that fact, call a special election to be held on November 2, 2021. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the office in the June 8, 2021, election shall be declared the candidates for the special election.
- ~~(d)~~ (e) Officials elected at the general municipal election shall take office on the second Tuesday following completion of the canvass, but in no event later than the fifth Tuesday following the general municipal election. Officials elected at any other election shall take office on the second Tuesday following completion of the canvass, but in no event later than the fifth Tuesday following the election.
- ~~(e)~~ (f) The qualifications of candidates and electors and the procedure governing general municipal elections shall apply to any special election called pursuant to this section and the notice of election shall be published at least thirty days prior to the date of such special election.
- ~~(f) Notwithstanding the above, an election shall be held on June 5, 2007, for the purpose of electing members of the City Council from Wards 1, 3, 5, and 7 for terms expiring in June 2011, or until their successors are elected and seated.~~

~~(g) Notwithstanding the above, an election shall be held on June 2, 2009, for the purpose of electing members of the City Council from Wards 2, 4, and 6 for terms expiring June 2013, or until their successors are elected and seated.~~

~~(h) Notwithstanding the above, an election shall be held on November 3, 2009, for the purpose of electing the Mayor for a term expiring June 2012 or until their successor is elected and seated.~~

Sec. 500. General municipal elections.

On June 8, 2021, an election for Councilmembers to represent Wards 2, 4 and 6 shall be held. Said term shall be for five (5) years and until their respective successors qualify. Beginning in 2026 and thereafter, the Councilmembers' terms shall be for four (4) years.

Beginning in 2022, Ggeneral municipal elections for the election of the members of the City Council and for such other purposes as the City Council may prescribe shall be held in the City on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in June of each odd-numbered year same day as the statewide election, consistent with the primary election date set by the State.

Beginning in 2012, gGeneral municipal elections for the election of the Mayor shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in June the same day as the statewide election, consistent with the primary election date set by the State in United States Presidential election years.

MEASURE S

Sec. 1404. – Charter, amending.

This Charter, and any of its provisions, may be amended in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of California. *The City Council must submit any proposed Charter amendment, except for those proposed by voter initiative, to a Charter Review Committee for recommendation before the City Council places the Charter amendment proposal on a ballot.*

MEASURE T

Sec. 1103. Same—Further consideration, revision and adoption; availability to departments, etc.

After the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council shall further consider the proposed budget and make any revisions thereof that it may deem advisable and on or before the day preceding the start of the fiscal year, it shall adopt the budget.

A copy of the adopted budget shall be placed, and shall remain on file, in the office of the City Clerk and ~~copies shall be placed in all the public libraries in the City where they shall be available for public inspection, and a copy shall be placed on the City's accessible website where it is available for public inspection and for the use of departments, offices, and agencies of the City. The budget shall be reproduced and copies made available for the use of departments, offices and agencies of the City.~~

Sec. 1104. Same—Appropriations; transfer of funds.

From the effective date of the budget, the several amounts stated therein as proposed expenditures shall be and become appropriated to the several departments, offices, agencies, and funds for the respective objects and purposes therein named. All appropriations shall lapse at the end of the fiscal year to the extent that they shall not have been expended or lawfully encumbered, except for appropriations for City Council approved capital projects which shall continue to the completion of the capital projects unless a different rule has been established by action of the City Council.

At any meeting after the adoption of the budget, the City Council may amend or supplement the budget by motion adopted by the affirmative votes of at least five members so as to authorize the transfer of unused balances appropriated to one department or fund to another department or fund, or to appropriate available funds not yet included in the budget.

Sec. 1111. Capital projects funds

- (a) Funds for capital projects are hereby created. Capital projects initiated by the City Council which only require approval by the City Council are provided for in subsection (b). Capital projects initiated by the City Council which also require approval by the voters are provided for in subsection (c).
- (b) —A City Council-approved capital project and funding shall remain for the established purpose and the appropriations therein shall carry over to the completion of each project, as set forth in Section 1104. When a capital project has been completed, the City Council may transfer any unexpended or unencumbered budget to any account similarly restricted.

To the extent permitted by law, the City Council may levy and collect taxes for capital projects and may include in the annual tax levy a levy for such purposes in which event it must apportion and appropriate to any such account or accounts the moneys derived from such levy. It may not, in making such levy, exceed the

maximum tax rate provided for in this Charter, unless authorized by the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the electors voting on the proposition at any election at which such question is submitted.

- (c) An account for a voter approved capital project shall remain inviolate for the purpose for which it was created unless the use of such funds for other capital project purposes was authorized by the electors voting on such proposition at the general or special election at which such proposition was submitted. The majority or super-majority for passage of a voter approved capital project will depend on the enabling legislation under which it is proposed. Notwithstanding the above, the proposition approving a capital project may be amended as provided in the proposition or the enabling legislation.

PREAMBLE

We, the people of the City of Riverside believe in promoting an inclusive community with shared economic, environmental and cultural prosperity, equal civil and political rights, social harmony and cohesion, and opportunities for all governed by responsible and responsive public officials who promote citizen participation, as well as just, transparent and equitable tax and financial policies; and these beliefs are rooted in our desire to enhance the uniqueness of the City of Riverside.

We, the people of the City of Riverside, to obtain and retain for ourselves the benefits of local government, do hereby exercise the express right granted by the Constitution and the statutes of the State of California and enact this Charter for the City of Riverside.

Sec. 411. Same—~~Citizen~~ Person participation.

Each ~~citizen~~ person shall have the right, personally or through counsel, to present comments at any regular meeting of the Council, or a Council standing or ad hoc committee, or offer suggestions with respect to municipal affairs.