Chapter 1.15

ELECTIONS

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Section 1.15.010 Nomination period.

The period for the filing of nomination documents for municipal elections shall be the same as the period for filing nomination documents by candidates in elections consolidated with the general election as set forth in California Elections Code §10407 as that section now exists or hereafter is amended. (Ord. 5257 § 1, 1985; Ord. 6341 § 1, 2, 1997)

Section 1.15.020 Mail-in ballot elections.

The Council may call general and/or special municipal elections to be conducted wholly by mail ballots. Such elections shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of California Elections Code §4100 et seq. as those sections now exist or hereafter are amended. This section is enacted under authority granted by Section 502 of the Charter of the City of Riverside. (Ord. 7015 § 1, 2009; Ord. 6135 § 1, 1994; Ord. 6341 § 1, 2, 1997)

Section 1.15.030 Preparation and form of candidate statement.

A. Each candidate for the office of Mayor or City Council may prepare and submit to the elections official for printing and circulation a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the elections official. The statement may include only the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description, in no more than 200 words, of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself. Any candidate statement submitted pursuant to this section shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications, candidate's qualifications, character or activities. Nor shall the statement include the political party affiliation of the candidate nor membership or activity in any partisan political organization.

B. The elections official shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement which the elections official determines is not so limited or which includes any materials prohibited by this section. The elections official, in his or her sole discretion, may strike any materials prohibited by the section from a candidate's statement and thereafter cause to be printed and circulated the candidate's statement as redacted.

C. Notwithstanding the 200-word length limitation set forth in paragraph (a), by resolution the City Council may authorize an increase in the limitation on words in this statement from 200 to 400 words. (Ord. 6341 § 1, 3, 1997)