

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENA CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION ON JUNE 7, 2022 TO ASK VOTERS TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.08.010 OF THE ST. HELENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FROM AN ELECTED OFFICE TO AN APPOINTED OFFICE; REQUESTING THAT THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSENT TO THE CONSOLIDATION BY THE NAPA COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD JUNE 7, 2022 AND AUTHORIZING THE NAPA COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO CANVAS THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR SUCH ELECTION; AND SETTING RULES AND DEADLINES FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE MEASURE.

WHEREAS, the office of Mayor is currently an elected office in the City of St. Helena (“City”); and

WHEREAS, the office of Mayor stands for election every two years, the last election for this office being November 3, 2020 and the current term for this office expiring in November, 2022; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 34902(b) provides that:

“After an office of elective mayor has been established, the city council may subsequently submit to the electors the question of whether or not to eliminate the elective office of mayor, pursuant to the procedures enumerated in this article, and thereby reestablish the procedure of selection of the mayor by the city council. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition are in favor of the elimination of the office of elective mayor, the office shall be eliminated on the expiration date of the incumbent's term, and on the date the procedure of selection of the mayor by the city council shall be reestablished.”

WHEREAS, California Elections Code section 9222 authorizes the City Council to submit local measures to the voters; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 34902 authorizes the City Council to submit to voters the question of whether the elective office of Mayor should be eliminated and replaced with a City Council-appointed office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit to St. Helena voters a measure that would change the office of Mayor from an elective office to a City Council-appointed office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to consolidate the special municipal election for the ballot measure described herein with the Statewide Direct Primary Election to be held on June 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further desires to set rules and deadlines for the submittal of written arguments and rebuttals for and against the measure; and

WHEREAS, the specific terms of the measure are provided for in the ordinance to be considered by the qualified voters, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "Ballot Ordinance" or "Measure") and by this reference made an operative part hereof, and in accordance with all applicable laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The City Council of the City of St. Helena, California, does resolve, declare, determine and order as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The City Council of the City of St. Helena hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, are incorporated herein and by this reference made an operative part hereof.

SECTION 2. Submission of Ballot Ordinance/Measure. The City Council of the City of St. Helena, pursuant to its right and authority as contained in California Elections Code sections 9222, 10201, and 10400 et seq. and Government Code section 34902, hereby orders the Ordinance/Measure attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the Special Municipal Election to be held and consolidated with the Statewide Direct Primary Election on June 7, 2022. The proposed Ordinance shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to this Resolution and is incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 3. Ballot Question. The City Council, pursuant to its right and authority under California Elections Code sections 10400 et seq. and Government Code section 34902, does hereby order that the ballot question shall be presented and printed upon the ballot submitted to the qualified voters in the manner and form set forth in this Section 3. On the ballot to be submitted to the qualified voters at the election to be held at the Special Municipal election to be consolidated with the Statewide Direct Primary Election on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in addition to any other matters required by law, there shall be printed substantially the following question:

<u>Measure G:</u> "Starting November 8, 2022, shall the position of a directly elected mayor be eliminated, so that the St. Helena City Council is composed of five members who will select a member be mayor?"	YES	
	NO	

SECTION 4. Election Procedures/Request for Consolidation.

- A. The City Council consents to the consolidation of the election on this Measure with all other elections being held in the same territory on June 7, 2022, and to hold and conduct the consolidated election in the manner prescribed in Elections Code section 10418.

- B.** The ballots to be used at the election shall be in the form and content as required by law.
- C.** In accordance with Elections Code section 10002, the Board of Supervisors of Napa County is hereby requested to consent to having the Napa County Registrar of Voters render such election services to the City of St. Helena as may be requested by the City Clerk of said City, the County of Napa to be reimbursed in full for such services as are performed.
- D.** The election services which the City of St. Helena requests the Registrar of Voters, or such other official as may be appropriate, to perform and which such officer is hereby authorized and directed to perform: the preparation, printing and mailing of sample ballots and guides; the establishment or appointment of precincts, voting centers, and election officers, and making such publications as are required by law in connection therewith; the furnishing of ballots, voting booths and other necessary supplies or materials for voting centers; the canvassing of the returns of the election and the furnishing of the results of such canvassing to the City Clerk of the City of St. Helena; and the performance of such other election services as may be requested by the City Clerk.
- E.** The City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia, or cause such actions to be made, that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.
- F.** That the precincts, ballot drop box locations and hours of operations, vote center locations and hours of operations, vote-by-mail procedures and timing, and election officers, and all other persons and procedures for the Special Municipal Election shall be the same as those utilized by the County of Napa; and
- G.** In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections in the City.
- H.** Notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form, and manner as required by law.
- I.** All ballots shall be tallied at a central counting place and not at the precincts. Said central counting place shall be at a County center as designated by the Registrar of Voters.
- J.** The Napa County Registrar of Voters is hereby authorized to canvass the returns of said election.

- K. The City Clerk of the City of St. Helena shall receive the canvass as it pertains to the election on the measure, and shall certify the results to the City Council, as required by law.

SECTION 5. Arguments and Analysis.

- A. The City Council authorizes (i) the City Council or any member(s) of the City Council, (ii) any individual voter eligible to vote on the above measure, (iii) a bona fide association of such citizens or (iv) any combination of voters and associations, to file a written argument in favor of or against the City measure, in accordance with Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California and may change the argument until and including March 18, 2022, after which no arguments for or against the measure may be submitted to the City Clerk. Arguments in favor of or against the measure shall each not exceed 300 words in length. Each argument shall be filed with the City Clerk, signed, and include the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument. The arguments shall be accompanied by the "Form of Statement to be filed by Author(s) of Argument" as provided by the City Clerk.
- B. The City Clerk shall comply with all provisions of law establishing priority of arguments for printing and distribution to the voters, and shall take all necessary actions to cause the selected arguments to be printed and distributed to the voters.
- C. Pursuant to Section 9280 of the Elections Code, the City Council directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measure, not to exceed 500 words in length, showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure. The City Attorney shall transmit such impartial analysis to the City Clerk, who shall cause the analysis to be published in the ballot pamphlet along with the ballot measure as provided by law. The Impartial Analysis shall be filed by March 11, 2022. The impartial analysis shall include a statement indicating whether the measure was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters or by the City Council. In the event the entire text of the measure is not printed on the ballot, nor in the voter information portion of the sample ballot, there shall be printed immediately below the impartial analysis, in no less than 10-font bold type, the following: **"The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure G. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the election official's office at (707) 968-2742 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you."**

SECTION 6. Rebuttals.

- A. That pursuant to Section 9285 of the Elections Code of the State of California, when the Clerk has selected the arguments for and against the various City initiated measures which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the Clerk shall send copies of the argument in favor of the measures to the authors of the argument against, and copies of the argument against to the authors of the argument in favor. The authors or persons designated by them may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk not later than March 25, 2022, accompanied by the "Form of Statement to be filed by Author(s) of Argument" as provided by the City Clerk. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument which it seeks to rebut.

SECTION 7. Placement on the Ballot. The full text of the Ballot Ordinance shall be printed in the voter information guide, and a statement shall be printed in the ballot pursuant to Section 9223 of the Elections Code advising voters that they may obtain a copy of this ordinance, the Ballot Ordinance and/or ballot measure, at no cost, upon request made to the City Clerk.

SECTION 8. Delivery of Resolution to County. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution. The City Council directs the City Clerk to deliver copies of this Resolution, including the Ballot Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit "A", to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Napa County and to the Registrar of Voters of Napa County.

SECTION 9. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Resolution irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

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SECTION 10. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of St. Helena, California, at a regular meeting held on this 8th day of February, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:



GEOFF ELLSWORTH, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CINDY TZAFPOULOS, CITY CLERK



EXHIBIT "A"

ORDINANCE NO. 2022- ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.08.010 OF CHAPTER 2.08 OF TITLE 2 OF THE ST. HELENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FROM AN ELECTED OFFICE TO AN APPOINTED OFFICE.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENA DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Subject to the approval of a majority of the voters of the City of St. Helena at the scheduled election so designated by the City Council in a separate resolution placing this proposal on the ballot for such election, the first sentence of Section 2.08.010 of Chapter 2.08 of Title 2 of the St. Helena Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"2.08.010 – Mayor’s term of office and duties.

Commencing with the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election, the Office of Mayor in the City of St. Helena shall cease to be an elective office and shall become an appointive office, and, based on criteria identified by the City Council, the City Council shall annually choose one of its members to act as Mayor, through those rules and procedures it may prescribe by ordinance or resolution."

The remainder of Section 2.08.010 shall remain unchanged by this ordinance.

SECTION 2. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of law or other legal body with applicable authority, the invalidity shall not affect or prohibit the force and effect of any other provision or application of the Ordinance that is not deemed invalid. The voters of the City hereby declare that they would have circulated for qualification and/or voted for the adoption of this section, and each portion thereof, regardless of the fact that any portion of the initiative may be subsequently deemed invalid.

SECTION 3. To the fullest extent allowed by law, the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail over, and supersede, all other provisions of the Municipal Code and any ordinances, resolutions or administrative policies of the City of St. Helena which are in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This section shall not be repealed or amended except by a measure approved by a majority of the electors voting on the issue at a General Municipal Election, or at a special election called for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect only if approved by a majority of the eligible voters of the City of St. Helena voting at a Special Municipal election to be held on June

7, 2022, and shall take effect ten (10) days after the City Council has certified the results of the Special Municipal election by resolution.

SECTION 6. The Mayor is hereby authorized to attest to the adoption of this Ordinance by the People voting thereon on June 7, 2022, by signing where indicated below.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed, approved and adopted by the People of the City of St. Helena on the 7th day of June, 2022.

Dated: _____



GEOFF ELLSWORTH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CINDY TZAFPOULOS, CITY CLERK