ORDINANCE NO. 231

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 58, PRESCRIBING INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PROCEDURES, PRESCRIBING A PENALTY AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1640; ENACTED JANUARY 28, 1987.

The City of Coos Bay ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this ordinance, the following mean:

City elections officer. The City Recorder for the City of Coos Bay or his or her designee.

Elector. A person who is qualified to vote in the city.

Emergency election. An election held as provided by ORS 221.230(2) when the Council finds that to avoid extraordinary hardship to the community it is necessary to hold an election sooner than the next available election date specified in ORS 221.230(1).

Initiative. A proposed law, which is then submitted to the electors for a direct vote on its enactment.

Measure. A legislative enactment by the Council that is not necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety; a part of such enactment; or a proposed legislative enactment for the city. The term includes a municipal ordinance, a charter amendment, or any other legislative enactment within the power of the city to adopt.

Petition. An initiative or referendum petition for ordering a measure to be submitted to the electors.

Prospective petition. The information, except ballot title information, signatures, and other identification of petition signers, required to be contained in a completed petition.

Referendum. An enacted law, which is then submitted to the electors for a direct vote on its approval or repeal.

Regular election. A city election held at the same time as a primary or general biennial election for election of state and county officers.

Special election. An election held on a date specified in ORS 221.230(1) that is not a regular election.

Supermajority. A majority vote equal to one vote less than a unanimous vote of all sitting members of the City Council.

Write. To write, type or print.

Section 2. Section 3 shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 3. Initiative Procedure. An initiative measure shall be proposed by:

(1) A qualified elector filing with the city elections officer a completed petition that meets the requirements of this ordinance and orders the measure to be submitted to the electors; or

(2) The City Council authorizing the submission of the initiative upon affirmative vote by a supermajority of the Council.

Section 3. Section 20 shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 20. Voting on Measures.

(1) Except as provided by subsection (2) or unless an earlier special election is approved by the Council, the time for voting on a measure shall be the next May or November regular or special election date more than 90 days after the measure qualifies for the ballot. A measure qualifies for the ballot when properly certified according to Section 17, or when the City Council has voted to submit an initiative or referendum to the electors under to Section 3 or Section 4.

(2) The Council may call an emergency election for a measure and set the date for it as provided by ORS 221.230.

The foregoing ordinance was enacted by the City Council of the City of Coos Bay this 2nd day of July, 1996, by the following vote:

Yes: Mayor Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Cindi Miller, Judy Weeks, and Don Spangler

Nay: None

Absent: Councilors Gary Combs and Dave Williams

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Joanne Verger
Mayor of the City of Coos Bay
Coos Bay, Oregon

Ordinance No. 231 - Prescribing Initiative and Referendum Procedures

ATTEST:

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Joyce Jansen
Deputy Recorder of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon