

CITY OF SANTA ROSA MEASURE NO. 2

DISTRICT-BASED ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The People of the City of Santa Rosa hereby amend Section 4 of Charter of the City of Santa Rosa to recognize district-based election of Council member, to read as follows:

Section 1. Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Santa Rosa concerning election of Council members shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. The Council. The legislative body of the City shall consist of seven persons each elected by district, at large to be known collectively as the Council. Boundaries of the seven Council districts shall be established and updated by Council ordinance in accordance with state and federal law. The members of the Council shall hold office for four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. ~~The terms of the Council member shall alternate so that three members or four members, as the case may be, shall be elected every two years.~~ Council elections for Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 shall be held every four years in Presidential election years. Council elections for Districts 2, 4 and 6 shall be held every four years in California Gubernatorial election years. Vacancies that occur in the Council outside of an election cycle shall be filled in accordance with Section 31 Council Vacancies. In case of a tie vote of the electorate, the person elected shall be decided by lot. There shall be no limitation on the number of consecutive terms a Council member or Vice-Mayor may serve. A Council member may not serve consecutive terms as Mayor.

No person shall be eligible to hold office as a member of the Council, unless ~~he or she is~~ they are a registered voter of the Council district for which they seek office, City at the time ~~their~~ the person's nomination papers are issued, ~~and is~~ and is at the time of assuming office, and throughout their term an elector of the City.

The Council may act, by ordinance, to provide compensation to each of its members in an amount authorized by State law for the compensation of council members in general law cities of comparable size; provided however, that the Mayor, while holding that office, shall receive compensation in an amount equal to one hundred and fifty percent of the compensation received by another council member.