

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-152

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING COUNCIL POLICY NO. 000-06 (APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES) TO ALLOW COUNCIL TO WAIVE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THAT POLICY FOR APPOINTMENTS TO A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa City Charter Section 12 provides that the Charter shall be reviewed in the year 2002 and not less than every ten years thereafter by a committee appointed by the Council; and

WHEREAS, the review of the Charter includes the evaluation and potential revision of fundamental structures of City government; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2021, Council, by Resolution No. RES-2021-147, directed that a Charter Review Committee be established comprised of twenty-one residents of Santa Rosa, with each Council Member to appoint three members of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council has strong interest in a Charter Review Committee membership that includes a variety of ages, races, ethnicity, gender, geography, interests and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Council Policy No. 000-06 (Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees) sets forth principles, procedures and requirements for appointments to City boards, commissions and committees; and

WHEREAS, Section B of Council Policy No. 000-06 sets forth four requirements for appointment to a City board, commission or committee, including: (1) residency within the City of Santa Rosa; (2) registration to vote within the City of Santa Rosa; (3) completion of an application; and (4) appointee must not be a current City employee or currently appointed to another City board or commission; and

WHEREAS, Section G.1 of Council Policy No, 000-06 provides that, except as excluded in the Charter or as specified by state statute, all boards, commissions and committees shall be comprised of one appointee selected by each individual Council member; and

WHEREAS, given the unique responsibilities of a Charter Review Committee, the Council wishes to provide flexibility for the Council to waive certain provisions of Council Policy No. 000-06 as it deems appropriate to enhance diversity, inclusivity or expertise of a Charter Review Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa amends Council Policy No. 000-06 (Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees) as follows:

1. Section B of Council Policy No. 000-06 is hereby amended to add a new subsection 5 to read as follows:
 5. In connection with the appointment of a Charter Review Committee established pursuant to Section 12 of the City Charter, the Council may, by resolution, waive any one or more of the provisions of this Section B if the Council finds that such waiver is appropriate to enhance the diversity, inclusivity or expertise of that Committee.

2. Subsection G.1 of Council Policy No. 000-06 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 1. Pursuant to the City Charter, terms of board, commission and committee members expire concurrently with the appointing Council member's term. Except as excluded in the Charter or as specified in state statute, all boards, commissions and committees shall be comprised of one appointee selected by each individual Council member. The Council, however, may provide, by resolution, for a greater number of members for any Charter Review Committee formed pursuant to Section 12 of the City Charter, as appropriate to enhance the diversity, inclusivity or expertise of that Committee. Board, commission and committee members appointed by individual Council members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing Council member and may be replaced at any time.

All other provisions of Council Policy No. 000-06 remain in effect without change.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 31st day of August, 2021.

AYES: (6) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor N. Rogers, Council Members Alvarez, Fleming, Schwedhelm, Tibbetts

NOES:

ABSENT: (1) Council Member Sawyer

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney

Exhibit A – Amended Council Policy 000-06