

ORDINANCE NO. 2433**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.27.6 OF THE REDWOOD CITY MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City's (City) general municipal elections are now held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years to coincide with school district elections pursuant to Redwood City Code Section 2.27.6; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 415 (SB 415) "Voter Participation" prohibits local governments, beginning January 1, 2018, from holding an election on any date other than a statewide election date if doing so has resulted in voter turnout being at least 25% below the average turnout in that jurisdiction in the previous four statewide general elections, except as specified; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 4 and California Elections Code Sections 1301 and 10403.5 authorize the City Council to consolidate general municipal elections with statewide elections and to increase or decrease any term of office by not more than 12 months; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SB 415, the City has determined that it must adopt a transition plan by January 1, 2018 to consolidate its general municipal elections with statewide elections no later than the November 8, 2022 statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to consolidate its general municipal elections with the statewide general elections, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years beginning in November 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE; THE COUNCIL OF REDWOOD CITY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are, and each of them is, true and correct and constitute the findings in this matter.

SECTION 2. The Redwood City Municipal Code is hereby amended as shown in the following Sections by adding the text shown in underline (example) and deleting the text shown in strikeout (~~example~~). The preceding Section and all text in brackets, [example] are informational only and need not be published in the Municipal Code.

SECTION 3. Section 2.27.6 "General Municipal Elections" of the Redwood City Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2.27.6 – GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS:

- A. Pursuant to the provisions of ~~Government Code Section 36503.5~~ Elections Code Sections 1301 and 10403.5, made applicable by Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Redwood City, this Council does hereby require and order that general municipal elections of the City of Redwood City shall be held in said City on the same day as ~~school district elections~~ statewide general elections as specified in Section ~~2602~~ 1200 of the Elections Code, to wit: the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each ~~odd~~ even-numbered year, commencing with said election in November, ~~1995~~ 2018, and continuing thereafter so long as this section shall remain in effect.
- B. This Council hereby finds and determines that, as a result of the adoption of the ordinance from which this section is derived, no term of office of any elective officer of this City shall be increased or decreased by more than twelve (12) months.

SECTION 4. In accordance with California Elections Code Sections 1301 and 10403.5, the term of office for City Councilmembers elected at the November 2013 and 2015 general municipal elections is increased by 12 months to a 5-year term. The term of office for all City Councilmembers elected thereafter, beginning in 2018 and 2020 respectively, is 4 years.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 1301 and 10403.5, the City hereby requests the County of San Mateo approve this ordinance and allow for consolidation of the City's general municipal election with the statewide general election conducted in November of each even-numbered year, beginning in November 2018.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become operative upon approval by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors as provided by California Elections Code Sections 1301 and 10403.5.

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At a Joint City Council/Successor Agency Board/Public Financing Authority Meeting thereof held on the 13th day of March, 2017 by the following votes:

AYES, and in favor of the passage and adoption of the foregoing ordinance:

Council Members: Aguirre, Bain, Borgens, Gee, Howard, Masur and Mayor Seybert

NOES: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: None



John D. Seybert
Mayor of the City of Redwood City

Attest:



Silvia Vonderlinden
City Clerk of Redwood City

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance
This 14th day of March, 2017



John D. Seybert
Mayor of the City of Redwood City