

ORDINANCE NO. 2291

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2-21 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE WEST COVINA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE MAYOR SELECTION PROCESS

WHEREAS, the City of West Covina City Council previously adopted Section 2-21 of Article II, Division 1 of the West Covina Municipal Code detailing the method of establishing mayoral rotation; and

WHEREAS, the current code identifies previous council members to establish the initial order of mayoral success; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Covina City Council desires to amend the Municipal Code to delete references to any particular elected official by name.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 2-21 of the West Covina Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-21. - Mayor; selection.

- (a) The city council shall conduct its annual reorganization during its second regularly scheduled meeting of November, except in odd-numbered years when the reorganization will occur at the time the city council confirms the official canvass of the municipal election results as required by California Government Code Section 36801.
- (b) ~~The City Clerk's Office maintains the initial order of mayoral succession list that is shall~~ be determined by the length of the current term of incumbency, as defined by the date of election. When two (2) or more council members have equal terms of incumbency, the order shall be determined by the highest number of votes received at their most recent election to the city council. ~~The first order of rotation is as follows:~~
 - a. ~~Steve Herfort~~
 - b. ~~Ben Wong~~
 - e. ~~Mike Touhey~~
 - d. ~~Richard Melendez~~
 - e. ~~Kathy Howard~~
- (c) Thereafter, the outgoing mayor's name will rotate to the bottom of the previous year's mayoral succession list, with all other names moving up one position, in order that the outgoing mayor pro tem shall become the new mayor, and the next council member on the list shall become the new mayor pro tem.

- (d) Newly elected council members shall be added to the bottom of the mayoral succession list, following the outgoing mayor in that election year's council reorganization. When there are two (2) or more newly elected council members, the order will be determined by the person who received the highest number of votes at the election.
- (e) Any council member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be added immediately to the bottom of the mayoral succession list. In the event the appointment is to fill a vacancy at the mayor or mayor pro tem's position, all other names on the succession list shall move up one position.
- (f) The city council by a minimum of four (4) votes may modify the mayoral succession list, or remove and replace the mayor or mayor pro tem at any time.

SECTION NO. 2. If any part of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstances, is held to be invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance, including the application or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of the Ordinance are severable.

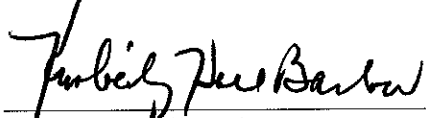
SECTION NO. 3. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be posted or published in the manner as required by law.

SECTION NO. 4. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days from adoption.


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 16th day of February, 2016.


James Toma
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

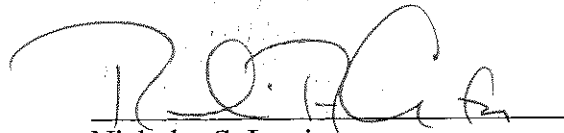

Kimberly Hall Barlow
City Attorney

ATTEST:


Nickolas S. Lewis
City Clerk

I, NICKOLAS S. LEWIS, CITY CLERK of the City of West Covina, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was regularly introduced and placed upon its first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 2nd day of February, 2016. That thereafter said Ordinance was duly adopted and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 16th day of February, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Johnson, Spence, Warshaw, Wu, Toma
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



Nickolas S. Lewis
City Clerk