

1 ORDINANCE NO. 7396

2 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA,
3 AMENDING CHAPTER 1.15 OF THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE IN
4 ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE CALIFORNIA VOTER
5 PARTICIPATION RIGHTS ACT

6 The City Council of the City of Riverside does ordain as follows:

7 Section 1: Section 1.15.040 is added to the Riverside Municipal Code as follows:

8 **“Section 1.15.040 General municipal elections, compliance with the Voter
9 Participation Rights Act**

10 A. On September 1, 2015, the State Legislature adopted the Voter Participation Rights
11 Act, which is codified in Elections Code sections 14050 through 14057, which states that where
12 previous nonconcurrent elections have resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout, local
13 municipal elections are now required to be held on the date of a statewide election. Previous
14 nonconcurrent elections in the City have resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout as defined
15 by Elections Code section 14051. The City’s Charter is now in conflict with State law. This section
16 is adopted to bring the City’s general municipal election into compliance with the Voter Participation
17 Rights Act.

18 B. Beginning in 2022, general municipal elections for the election of members of the City
19 Council and for such other purposes as the City Council may prescribe shall be held in the City on the
20 same day as the statewide election, consistent with the primary and general election dates set by the
21 State.

22 C. In 2019, an election for Councilmembers to represent Wards 1, 3, 5 and 7 shall be held
23 pursuant to the Charter. Said term shall be for five (5) years with the term expiring with an election
24 held in 2024. Beginning in 2024 and thereafter, the Councilmembers’ term shall be for four (4) years
25 and the elections shall be held on the statewide primary and general election dates.

26 D. In 2021, an election for Councilmembers to represent Wards 2, 4 and 6 shall be held
27 pursuant to the Charter. Said term shall be for five (5) years with the term expiring with an election
28 held in 2026. Beginning in 2026 and thereafter, the Councilmembers’ term shall be for four (4) years
and the elections shall be held on the statewide primary and general election dates.”

1 Section 2: The City Council has reviewed the matter and, based upon the facts and
2 information contained in the staff reports, administrative record, and written and oral testimony,
3 hereby finds that this ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3)
4 and/or 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter
5 3, in that it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the
6 environment nor have a significant impact on the environment.

7 Section 3: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause
8 publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the Charter
9 of the City of Riverside. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

10 ADOPTED by the City Council this 7th day of November, 2017.

11
12
13 
14 _____
15 WILLIAM R. BAILEY, III
16 Mayor of the City of Riverside

15 ATTEST:

16 
17 _____
18 COLLEEN J. NICOL
19 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

1 I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
2 foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council on the 17th
3 day of October, 2017, and that thereafter the said ordinance was duly and regularly adopted at a
4 meeting of the City Council on the 7th day of November, 2017, by the following vote, to wit:


5
6 Ayes: Councilmembers Gardner, Melendrez, Soubirous, Conder, Mac Arthur,
7 Perry, and Adams

8 Noes: None

9 Absent: None

10 Abstained: None

11
12 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
13 City of Riverside, California, this 8th day of November, 2017.

14
15 
16 COLLEEN J. NICOL
17 City Clerk of the City of Riverside
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28