SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



1TEM 2.20 (ID # 4158)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

FROM: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:

SUBJECT: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Request for Change in Election Date, City of Desert Hot

Springs. District 4. [\$0].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve City of Desert Hot Springs request for election date change.

ACTION: Consent

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Ashley

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Date:

May 2, 2017

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F	iscal Year:	Next Fi	scal Year:		Total Cost:	Ongol	ng Cost
COST	\$	0	\$	0	\$, O	\$	0
NET COUNTY COST	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
SOURCE OF FUNDS:						Budget Adjustment: No		
						For Fiscal Year: 16/17		

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The City of Desert Hot Springs has submitted the attached ordinance requesting the Board of Supervisors' approval to change the jurisdiction's general municipal election date to occur on the same date as the even-year General Elections. California Elections Code § 10403.5 allows jurisdictions to consolidate their election with Elections held in November of even numbered years with the Board of Supervisors' approval. The code further stipulates that the Board shall approve such request unless the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capability is such that additional elections or materials cannot be handled. The Registrar of Voters can accommodate this change of election date.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The change in election date to occur on the same date as the even-year General Election would encourage greater voter participation at no additional cost. Registered voters will save a trip to the polling place voting for both this jurisdictions election and the even-year General Election.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

State law also requires that within 30 days after approval of the ordinance, a notice is to be mailed to all registered voters of the jurisdiction informing them of the change in election date and the terms of officeholders which will be changed. The cost of this mailing will be reimbursed by the jurisdiction.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A. CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS ORDINANCE NO. 608

Inerda Delos Santos 4/25/2017

ORDINANCE NO. 608

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.04.060 ("CHANGE OF ELECTION DAY") OF ARTICLE II ("ELECTIONS") OF CHAPTER 2.04 ("CITY COUNCIL") OF THE DESERT HOT SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO MOVING THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER OF EACH EVENNUMBERED YEAR BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER OF 2018

WHEREAS, the City of Desert Hot Springs' (City) general municipal elections are now held in the month of November of alternating odd-numbered years to coincide with the uniform district elections to elect one (1) Mayor, four (4) members of City Council (hereinafter "City Officers"); 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, in accordance with SB 415, the City has determined that it must adopt a transition plan to consolidate it general municipal elections with a statewide election date to occur not later than November 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Sections 1301 and 10403.5 of the California Elections Code, authorize the City Council to reschedule its general municipal election and to increase or decrease any terms of office by not more than 12 months; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Sections 1000 and 1301 of the California Elections Code, as of November 2018 the City Council desires to move the City's general municipal election from November of odd-numbered years to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years to coincide with the statewide general elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. RECITALS

The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.

Section 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2.04 OF THE DESERT HOT SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE

Section 2.04.060 ("Change of Election Day") of Article II ("Elections") of Chapter 2.04 ("City Council") of the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code is hereby amended to read:

2.04.060 Change of election day.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 36503.5 and Sections 1000 and 1301 of the California Elections Code, the City Council has adopted an ordinance to change its election day from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in odd-numbered years the

general municipal election of the city of Desert Hot Springs, commencing with the [20XX] election, shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in [June/November] of odd-numbered even-numbered years to coincide with statewide general elections; and, further, that such election shall be consolidated with all other elections held throughout the territory on that day. (Prior code § 30.15)

Section 3. ADJUSTMENT TO TERMS OF OFFICE

In accordance with Sections 1301 and 10403.5 of the California Elections Code, the term of any elected City Officeholder that would have expired in November [20XX and 20XX] shall, instead, expire in the same manner, but after the occurrence of the [June/November 20XX and 20XX] general municipal elections established by this Ordinance.

Section 4. CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS

Pursuant to Section 1301 and 10403.5 of the California Elections Code, the City hereby requests the County of Riverside approve this ordinance and allow for consolidation of the City's general municipal election with the statewide general election conducted by the County in November of each even-numbered year, beginning in [June/November 20XX].

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become operative upon approval by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors as provided by California Elections Code Sections 1301(b)(1) and 10403(a)(1).

Section 6. NOTICE TO VOTERS

Pursuant to Section 10403.5(e) of the California Elections Code, within 30 days after this Ordinance becomes operative, the City elections official shall cause notice to be mailed to all registered voters informing the voters of the change in the election date made by this Ordinance and that, as a result of the change in election date, the terms of office of City Officeholders will be extended (or reduced) by not more than 12 months.

Section 7. REQUEST TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The City Clerk shall forward a copy of this Ordinance to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors with a request that it be approved pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 1301 and 10403.5.

Section 8. SEVERABILITY

The City Council declares that, should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this document be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this ordinance as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All provisions of the Municipal Code as heretofore adopted by the City of Desert Hot Springs that are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 10. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its second reading.

Section 11. CERTIFICATION

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of March, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Betts; McKee; Parks; Zavala; and Mayor Matas.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

[SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE]

ATTEST:

Jerryl Soriano, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Scott Matas, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jennifer A. Mizrahi, City Attorney