

ORDINANCE NO. 1069

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A GENERAL ALL-MAIL BALLOT ELECTION TO BE CONDUCTED ON APRIL 14, 2020, AND THEREAFTER IN SUBSEQUENT FUTURE ELECTIONS, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES, RULES AND REGULATIONS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, a city charter may provide that the city governed thereunder is authorized to make and enforce all ordinances and regulations with respect to municipal affairs and may provide for, among other things, the conduct of city elections (Cal. Const. art. XI, § 5(a), (b).); and

WHEREAS, Section 102 of the City Charter (the “Charter,”) of the City of Lancaster (the “City,”) provides that the City has “the power to adopt ordinances establishing procedures, rules or regulations concerning City of Lancaster elections and public officials, including but not limited to, the qualifications and compensation of elected officials, the method, time and requirements to hold elections, to fill vacant offices and for voting by mail,; and

WHEREAS, Section 102 of the City’s Charter also provides that “[u]nless in conflict with ordinances adopted by the City, state law regarding elections shall apply,; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding those provisions of state law that establish dates for conducting a general all-mail ballot election, the City desires to authorize a general all-mail ballot election to be conducted on April 14, 2020, and thereafter in any subsequent future elections wherein the Lancaster City Council calls for such all-mail ballot election by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. In addition to the other dates authorized by state law, the City of Lancaster may conduct a general all-mail ballot election on April 14, 2020, and thereafter in subsequent future elections, if, and to the extent that, the Lancaster City Council adopts a resolution calling for such election by all-mail ballot.

SECTION 2. If and to the extent a general all-mail ballot election is called as authorized by Section 1 of this Ordinance, such election shall be conducted pursuant to the rules, procedures and regulations established by state law, including, without limitation, the mail ballot provisions of the Elections Code (Cal. Elect. Code § 4000 *et seq.*); provided, however, that in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the state law and provisions of this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall control.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Section 36937(a) of the Government Code, this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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SECTION 4. The City Clerk or Acting City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

I, Ronda Perez, Acting City Clerk of the City of Lancaster, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was regularly introduced and placed upon its first reading on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2019, and placed upon its second reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Vice Mayor Crist, Mayor Parris

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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*Ronda Perez*  
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*Rex Parris*  
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RONDA PEREZ  
Acting City Clerk  
City of Lancaster

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R. REX PARRIS  
Mayor  
City of Lancaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ) ss  
CITY OF LANCASTER )

CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCE  
CITY COUNCIL

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ City of Lancaster, California, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance No. 1069, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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