

ORDINANCE NO. 922

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION
2.04.020 OF THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

WHEREAS, Section 2.04.020 of the Lancaster Municipal Code currently provides, in pertinent part, that “the councilmember with the longest continuous service on the city council among those councilmembers who have not served as vice mayor during the previous five years shall be selected as vice mayor”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lancaster has determined that it is in the public interest to amend Section 2.04.020 of the Lancaster Municipal Code in order to modify the Vice Mayor selection and appointment process by providing that the Vice Mayor shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to approval of a majority of the City Council.

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

Section 1. Section 2.04.020 of the Lancaster Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“2.04.020 Selection of Vice Mayor.

The city council shall meet on the Tuesday after each general municipal election or the second regular meeting in the month of April in each year that a general municipal election is not held, and the mayor shall appoint one councilmember as vice mayor, subject to approval of a majority of the city council. The vice mayor shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor and may be removed from the appointed position at the discretion of the mayor, subject to approval of a majority of the city council. All vacancies for the position of vice mayor shall be filled in accordance with the appointment procedure set forth in this section.”

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is held for any reason to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Lancaster hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 3. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published and posted pursuant to the provisions of law in that regard and this Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its final passage.

I, Geri K. Bryan, CMC, 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 14th day of April, 2009, and placed upon its second reading and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the ____day of _____, 2009 by the vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

GERI K. BRYAN, CMC
City Clerk
City of Lancaster

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. 922, 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 _____, _____.

(seal)
