

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-417

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY AMENDING CHAPTER 2.32 [GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS] OF TITLE 2 [ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL] OF THE PORTOLA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE TO COMPLY WITH SENATE BILL 415

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (“SB”) 415 requires all California cities with municipal elections held in years that were not concurrent with statewide elections and resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout to align municipal elections with the statewide elections beginning in 2018 or have a plan in place to do so by 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Portola Valley (“Town”) desires to comply with SB 415 and to maximize voter turnout for its municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, the cost of participating in one or more odd-year elections between now and 2022 would be significant and divert limited resources from other pressing municipal priorities; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2016, the Town Council approved a resolution indicating its intent to consolidate municipal elections with the statewide general election occurring on even years, and extending two Councilmembers’ terms from 2017 to 2018 and three Councilmembers’ terms from 2019 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors approved the Town’s resolution to move municipal elections to even years and the County Elections office will be sending notice to all Town residents of the change; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to amend the municipal code to reflect the consolidation of municipal elections with statewide elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley does **ORDAIN** as follows:

1. AMENDMENT OF CODE. Section 2.32.010 [Election day established] of Chapter 2.32 [General Municipal Elections] of Title 2 [Administration and Personnel] is hereby amended to read as follows:

The general municipal elections of the Town shall be consolidated with the statewide election date in accordance with Elections Code sections 1301, 1000 to 10735, and 14050 to 14057, as amended, beginning with the year 2018.

2. ADDITION OF CODE. In a previous revision to Title 2, the duration of the term for Town officers was inadvertently deleted. Section 2.32.020 [Term] is hereby added to Chapter 2.32 [General Municipal Elections] of Title 2 [Administration and Personnel] to read as follows:

Section 2.32.020 Term.


Town officers are elected to serve a four-term of office. The four-year terms for the elected officials that are scheduled to end in 2017 and 2019 are each hereby extended by 12 months to end in 2018 and 2020 respectively.

3. SEVERABILITY. If any part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or inapplicable to any situation by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or the applicability of this Ordinance to other situations.

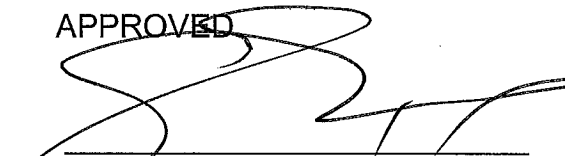
4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND POSTING. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after the date of its adoption and shall be posted within the Town in three public places.

INTRODUCED: March 22, 2017
PASSED: April 26, 2017
AYES: Councilmembers Aalfs, Derwin, Wengert, Vice Mayor Richards and Mayor Hughes
NOES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: None

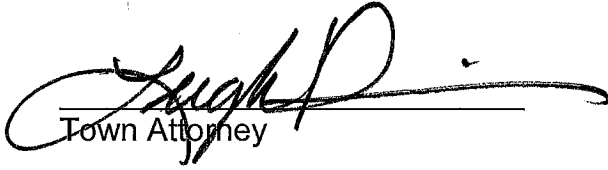
ATTEST


Town Clerk

APPROVED


Mayor Hughes

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Town Attorney