

ARTICLE VI

LEGISLATION

SECTION 600. Council Action; Method.

The Council shall act only by ordinance, by resolution or by motion made, seconded and adopted. The vote on all ordinances, resolutions and motions shall be by “ayes” and “noes.” The individual vote of each member of the Council shall be entered in the minutes of the Council, except that where a vote is unanimous, it may be so recorded. Upon request of any member, a roll-call vote shall be taken and recorded on any vote. Whenever a roll-call vote of the Council is in order, the City Clerk shall call the names of members in alphabetical order except that the name of the presiding officer shall be called last. All members present shall be required to vote unless disqualified from doing so by law. All written ordinances and resolutions shall be signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

SECTION 601. Council Action, Vote Required.

Except as otherwise provided elsewhere in this Charter, no ordinance, resolution or motion shall be passed, adopted, or become effective unless it receives the affirmative vote of at least either (a) four (4) members of the Council, if the vote is taken on or before December 31, 1980; or (b) six (6) members of the Council, if the vote is taken on or after January 1, 1981.

Amended at election November 7, 1978

SECTION 602. Ordinances, When Required.

The following acts of the Council shall be by ordinance:

- (a) Those acts required by specific provision of this Charter to be by ordinance;
- (b) Each act the violation of which will constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine or other penalty;
- (c) Each act imposing a new or additional tax, other than the annual property tax;
- (d) Each act granting a franchise.

SECTION 603. Ordinances, Requisites of.

Every proposed ordinance shall be introduced in writing. The enacting clause shall be “Be it Ordained by the Council of the City of San Jose”. Each ordinance shall contain a title which shall state in general terms the subject or subjects contained in the ordinance. No section of any ordinance or of any code shall be amended unless the whole section to be amended is set forth as amended.

SECTION 604. Ordinances, Procedure for Adoption.

Except as otherwise provided elsewhere in this Charter, and with the exception of ordinances which take effect immediately upon adoption, hereinafter referred to in this Article, no ordinance shall be adopted unless (a) it is first passed for publication of title, (b) the title of the ordinance is published as hereinafter provided in this Section, and (c) at least six (6) days have elapsed between the date it was passed for publication of title and the date it is adopted.

The title of an ordinance shall be deemed to have been “published”, as said term is hereinabove used in this Section if such title is printed in a newspaper of general circulation in the City no later than the third day immediately preceding the date of its adoption. No part of any ordinance, or proposed ordinance, other than its title, need be published.

Ordinances which take effect immediately upon adoption, hereinafter referred to in this Article, may be adopted without compliance with the above provisions of this Section.

Amended at election June 2, 1970

SECTION 605. Ordinances; Effective Date.

Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, each adopted ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of thirty (30) days after adoption or at any later date specified therein.

The following ordinances shall take effect immediately upon adoption:

- (a) An ordinance calling for or otherwise relating to an election;
- (b) An ordinance declaring the amount of money necessary to be raised by taxation, or fixing a rate of ad valorem taxation or levying the annual tax on property;
- (c) An ordinance providing for a tax levy or appropriation for the usual current expenses of the City;
- (d) An ordinance adopted as and declared by the Council to be an urgency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, containing a statement of the facts constituting such urgency, if adopted by the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of the Council if the vote occurs on or before December 31, 1980 or by not less than eight (8) members of the Council if the vote occurs on or after January 1, 1981;
- (e) An ordinance relating to a bond issue;
- (f) An ordinance adopted pursuant to a State law by virtue of which such ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Nothing contained in this Section shall be deemed to require an ordinance when an ordinance is not otherwise required.

Amended at election November 7, 1978

SECTION 606. Codification.

To the extent that it has not already so done, the Council shall cause to be codified all general ordinances in force, and cause the same to be printed in book, pamphlet or looseleaf form for the use of the City, its officers and the public.

SECTION 607. Code of Ethics.

The Mayor and City Council shall adopt and maintain a Code of Ethics to provide guidance to City officers and employees in their conduct while discharging their public responsibilities. This Code of Ethics shall include, but not be limited to, ordinances relating to the following areas of regulation:

- (a) Limitations on and requirements for reporting of campaign contributions and post-election contributions to candidates for elected City Offices.
- (b) Reporting and registration requirements for local government lobbyists who act to influence any governmental action of the City of San Jose.
- (c) Limitations on the acceptance of gifts by City officers and employees including elected officers and members of Boards and Commissions.
- (d) Limitations on the acceptance of honoraria by City officers including elected officials, Council appointees and members of Boards and Commissions.
- (e) Regulations regarding disqualification of former City officers and employees in matters connected with former City duties or official responsibilities.

The Mayor, on a biennial basis beginning in 1993, shall conduct a review of the City's Code of Ethics including any ordinances relating to ethic standards. The Mayor shall make any recommendation for amendments or changes to the Code of Ethics and its implementing ordinances to the City Council.

No amendments or changes shall be adopted which in any way lessen the ethical standard in regulations except by a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

Added at election November 6, 1990

SECTION 608.

Repealed at election June 2, 1970

SECTION 609. Violation and Penalty.

The Council may make the violation of its ordinances a misdemeanor for which a violator may be prosecuted in the name of the People of the State of California and may prescribe punishment for each violation by a fine in an amount not to exceed that set

by State law or by imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months, or by both fine and imprisonment. Such violations may also be redressed by civil actions.

Amended at election November 6, 1984