

ORDINANCE 2017-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SURPRISE, ARIZONA, ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR SURPRISE MAYORAL CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS.

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-322 (A)(8) establishes the minimum number of signatures required on a mayoral candidate's nomination petitions to be at least five percent and not more than ten percent of the vote in the city;

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-322 (A)(8) also provides that a city holding nonpartisan elections "may by ordinance provide that the minimum number of signatures required for the candidate be one thousand signatures or five percent of the vote in the city, whichever is less, but not more than ten percent of the vote in the city";

WHEREAS, the City has adopted by ordinance the alternative minimum calculation for District Council nominations, i.e. a minimum of two hundred and fifty or, if calculable, five percent of the vote in that District, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate, for the purpose of parity, to establish the minimum number of signatures required for Surprise mayoral candidate nomination petitions under the same system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Surprise, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. The minimum number of nomination petition signatures required for a candidate for the office of Mayor to have his or her name included on the Surprise election ballot shall be one thousand or five percent of the vote for Mayor in the last preceding Mayoral election, whichever is less.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Sharon R. Wolcott, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Sherry Aguilar, City Clerk

Robert Wingo, City Attorney