

ORDINANCE NO. 9302

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE V OF THE PUEBLO MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 3 SPECIFYING PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING MAYORAL RUNOFF ELECTIONS AS SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS FOLLOWING GENERAL OR SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PUEBLO, that: (brackets indicate matter being deleted, underscoring indicates new matter being added)

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title V of the Pueblo Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section 3 as follows:

Sec. 5-3-3. Mayoral Runoff Elections.

(a) At any general or special municipal election, if no candidate for the office of Mayor receives a majority of the votes cast for Mayor as required by the City Charter, a Mayoral runoff election shall be held on a subsequent date set by the City Council by ordinance.

(b) The Mayoral runoff election shall be conducted as a mail ballot, except:

1. Electors eligible to vote in the runoff election shall be those eligible to vote under State law.

— The ballot shall only consist of the two (2) Mayoral candidates receiving the greatest number of votes in the municipal election. No other issues or questions shall be referred to the Mayoral runoff election ballot.

3. Publication of an election notice shall be on or before the tenth day before the election.

(c) In the event of a tie vote for candidates having the first or second greatest number of votes in the municipal election, a selection shall be made by lot so that there will only be two (2) eligible candidates for the runoff election.

(d) The ballot order of the runoff Mayoral candidate names shall be the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes in the municipal election shall be listed first and the candidate receiving the next greatest number of votes in the municipal election shall be listed second.

(e) At seven o'clock (7:00) P.M. on the Mayoral runoff election day, results shall be tabulated. The runoff candidate receiving a majority of votes cast for the Office of Mayor shall be declared elected and entitled to a certificate of election. A "majority" shall be more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast for Mayor at a Mayoral runoff election.

(f) In the event of a tie vote in the runoff election, the outcome of the election shall be determined by lot at a time and date, designated by the City Clerk.

(g) In the event of the death, disqualification or withdrawal of either of the two (2) runoff Mayoral candidates prior to the mailing of ballots for the runoff election, the name of the candidate who received the third greatest number of votes for the Office of Mayor in the municipal election shall be substituted and shall appear on the runoff election ballot. In such event, notice of any substitution of a runoff Mayoral candidate shall be publicly noticed.

SECTION 2.

The officers and staff of the City are authorized and directed to perform any and all acts consistent with this Ordinance to implement the policies and procedures described herein.

SECTION 3.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days following final passage and approval.

INTRODUCED: May 29, 2018

BY: Ed Brown
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED: 
PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL

ATTESTED BY: Brenda Armijo
ACTING CITY CLERK

PASSED AND APPROVED: June 11, 2018