

ORDINANCE NO. 94-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A FILING FEE TO DEFRAY THE COST TO THE CITY OF PROCESSING NOMINATION PAPERS FOR CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1. Purpose

The cost to the City of processing papers for City Council elections exceeds twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each nomination filed. Under Elections Code Section 22843, the City may establish and collect a filing fee, not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each nomination filed, to partially defray the cost to the City of processing such nomination papers.

It is in the best interests of the City to establish such a fee to defray as much of the cost as possible for processing nomination papers for City Council elections. No otherwise eligible person shall be excluded from candidacy for City Council membership because such person cannot pay the filing fee connected with such candidacy.

Section 2. Filing Fee Established

There is hereby set and established a filing fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) to defray, in part, the cost to the City of processing nomination papers for City Council elections within the City. The filing fee shall be paid upon the filing of each nomination paper. Nomination papers for City Council elections shall not be accepted unless accompanied by the filing fee. Filing fees shall be paid into the general fund.

Section 3. Petition in Lieu of Fees

In lieu of payment of a filing fee, a candidate for member of the City Council may submit a petition containing four qualified signatures for each dollar of the filing fee not paid. As used herein, a qualified signature is the signature of a person who, at the time of providing such signature, was a registered voter within the City. Any petition submitted pursuant to this Section in lieu of all or part of the required filing fee shall be submitted to the City Clerk with nomination papers and the amount of the filing fee, if any, remaining to be paid.

Section 4. Effective Date

The filing fee set and established by this Ordinance shall be effective beginning with City Council nominations for the General Municipal Election to be held on

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November 8, 1994, and for each special and general municipal election thereafter for election to the City Council

Section 5. Other

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36937(a), this Ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th day of June, 1994, by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Mayor Auld, Council Members Bitney and Parode.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Mayor Corlett and Council Member Bryan.



Kevin S. Corlett, Mayor by
Howard Auld, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Pamela Bartlett, City Clerk