

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

WHEREAS, Section 13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California provides that the governing body of any local agency may adopt regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for a municipal election, including costs of the candidate statement.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. General Provisions. Pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at an Election to be held in the City of Cathedral City on November 5, 2024, may prepare a candidate statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk. The statement may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself. The statement shall not include party affiliation of the candidate nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statement shall be filed (in typewritten form) in the office of the City Clerk at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. The statement may be withdrawn but not changed during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of nomination period.

SECTION 2. Foreign Language Policy.

- a. Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, candidate statements will be translated into all languages required by the County of Riverside. The County is required to translate candidate statements into English and Spanish.
- b. The County will print and mail sample ballots and candidate statements in English and Spanish.

SECTION 3. Payment.

- a. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidate's statement into any required foreign language as specified in 2(a) above.
- b. The Candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in English and Spanish.

- c. The City Clerk shall estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate's statement filed pursuant to this section, including costs incurred as a result of complying with the Voting rights Act of 1965 (as amended), and require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the local agency his pro rata share as a condition of having his or her statement included in their voter's pamphlet. In the event the estimated payment is required, the estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. Accordingly, the Clerk is not bound by the estimate and may, on the pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expense or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the Clerk may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the Clerk shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the election.

SECTION 4. Additional Materials. No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials in the sample ballot package.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall provide each candidate or the candidate's representative a copy of this Resolution at the time nominating petitions are issued.

SECTION 6. All previous Resolutions establishing Council policy on payment for candidate statements are repealed.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall apply only to the election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and shall then be repealed.

SECTION 8. Certification. The City clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the Book of Resolutions.

PSSSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of June 2024.

Mark Carnevale, Mayor
Cathedral City

ATTEST:

Tracey R. Hermosillo, City Clerk
Cathedral City

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eric S. Vail, City Attorney

I, TRACEY R. HERMOSILLO, CITY CLERK of the City of Cathedral City, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cathedral City held on the 26th day of June 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Tracey R. Hermosillo, City Clerk