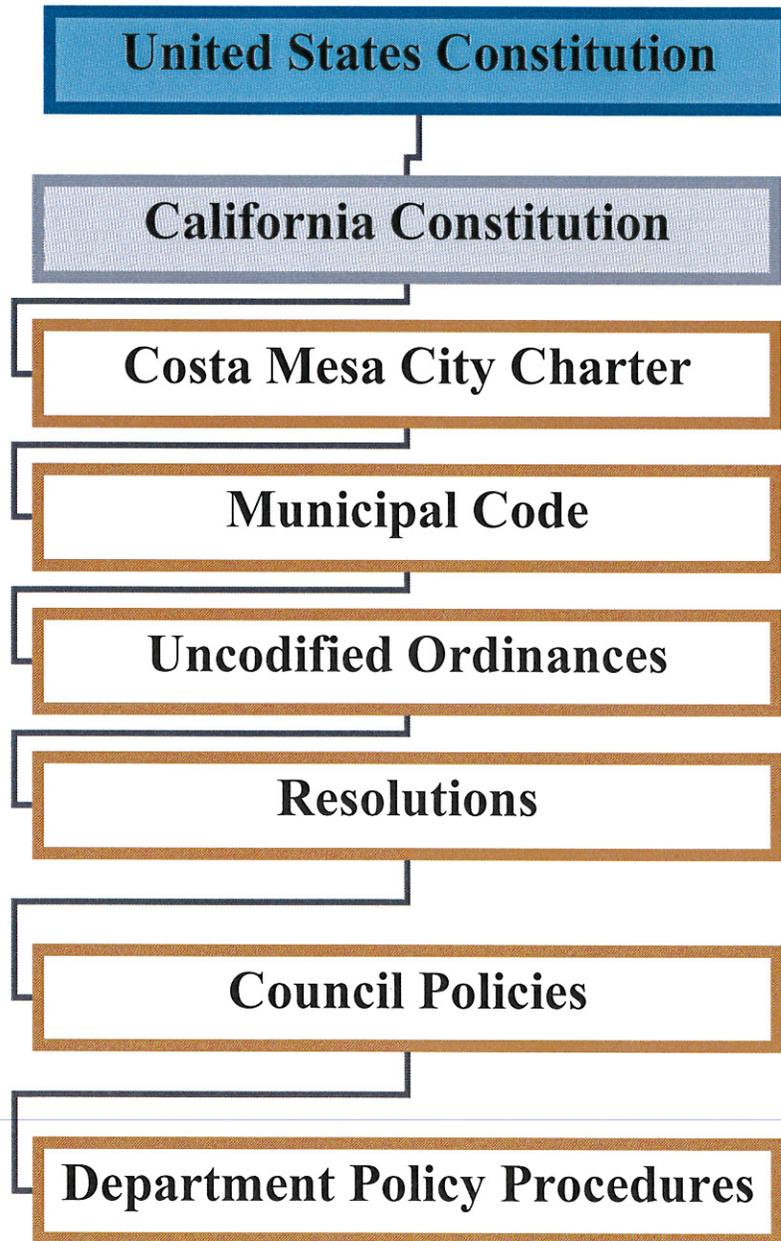


# Hierarchy of Government Laws



## **CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE**

as of 9/20/13

We, the people of the City of Costa Mesa, State of California believe fiscal responsibility and the prudent stewardship of public funds is essential for confidence in government, that ethics and integrity are the foundation of public trust and that just governance is built upon these values. Through the enactment of this Charter as the fundamental law of the City of Costa Mesa under the Constitution of the State of California, we do hereby exercise the privilege of retaining for ourselves, the benefits of local government, by enacting the laws, rules, regulations and procedures set forth herein pertaining to the governance and operation of our City.

# CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA

**Name of City:** The City of Costa Mesa shall be known as the City of Costa Mesa.

**Boundaries:** The City of Costa Mesa's boundaries shall include the area within its existing boundaries and any portion herein after annexed.

**Powers:** The City shall have the power to make and enforce all laws and regulations in respect to municipal affairs, subject only to such restrictions and limitations as may be provided in this Charter or in the Constitution of the State of California.