

ORDINANCE NO. 16-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF
COSTA MESA ADDING SECTION 2-25 OF THE COSTA
MESA MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING TERM LIMITS
FOR A DIRECTLY ELECTED MAYOR

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa ("City") is a general law city currently governed by a five (5) member city council elected at-large by all voters within the City; and

WHEREAS, voters will consider adopting Ordinance No. 16-06 to establish a directly elected mayor and six council members elected by district in accordance with the California Voting Rights Act and California law; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 36502 authorizes voters to limit the number of terms that may be served by members of the city council and/or an elected mayor; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-24 currently provides that the number of terms a member of the city council may serve on the city council shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms of four (4) years each; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance would add Section 2-25 to limit the number of terms a directly elected mayor may serve on the city council to two (2) consecutive terms of two (2) years each, which shall be separate from and in addition to any four year terms served on the city council.

NOW THEREFORE THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Costa Mesa Municipal Code Section 2-25 shall be added:

Section 2-25. Directly Elected Mayor Term Limits.

The number of terms a directly elected mayor may serve on the city council shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms of two (2) years each, which shall be in addition to any four year terms served on the city council subject to section 2-24.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall only take effect if Ordinance 16-06 is approved by the voters.

SECTION 3. Should any section, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance for any reason be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, it being hereby expressly declared that this ordinance, and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase hereof would have been prepared, proposed, approved, adopted and/or ratified irrespective of

the fact that any one or more section, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this ordinance be declared invalid.

SECTION 4. After this ordinance is approved by a majority vote of the voters, the Mayor and City Clerk shall certify that the ordinance was submitted to the voters of the city and that it was approved by a majority vote. The City Clerk shall file one copy of the approved ordinance with the Orange County Clerk-Recorder's office, one copy with the Orange County Registrar of Voters keep one copy in the City's archive. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2016.

_____, Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk