

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA,  
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.120.010 ("NAMES,  
MEMBERSHIP, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS OF  
OFFICE"), TO REQUIRE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
MEMBERS TO BE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY INSTEAD OF  
QUALIFIED ELECTORS**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Santa Clara desires to remove barriers that prevent active participation by all City residents in City Government;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires for greater participation by and inclusion of all residents within the City of Santa Clara; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has directed the removal of the requirement that Boards and Commission members be a "qualified elector" of the City. Instead, Board and Commission members will be required to be a resident of the City.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** That Section 2.120.010 (entitled "Names, membership, qualifications and terms of office") of Chapter 2.120 (entitled "Boards and Commissions") of Title 2 (entitled "Administration and Personnel") of "The Code of the City of Santa Clara, California" ("SCCC") is amended to read as follows:

**"2.120.010 Names, membership, qualifications and terms of office.**

There shall be and there is established within the City the following boards and commissions:

(a) Planning Commission. (SCCC 2.120.050)

(b) Parks and Recreation Commission. (SCCC 2.120.060)

- (c) Civil Service Commission. (SCCC 2.120.070)
- (d) Board of Library Trustees. (SCCC 2.120.080)
- (e) Historical and Landmarks Commission. (SCCC 2.120.100)
- (f) Senior Advisory Commission. (SCCC 2.120.110)
- (g) Youth Commission. (SCCC 2.120.130)
- (h) Cultural Commission. (SCCC 2.120.140)
- (i) International Exchange Commission (SCCC 2.120.150)
- (j) Housing Commission (SCCC 2.12.160)

All members of boards, commissions, and committees, except for members of the Youth Commission, shall be 18 years of age or older and residents of the City. All members of boards and commissions established by City Charter (i.e., Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Civil Service Commission and Board of Library Trustees) shall also be qualified electors of the City.”

**SECTION 2: Ordinances Repealed.** With exception of the provisions protected by the savings clause, all ordinances (or parts of ordinances) in conflict with or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3: Savings clause.** The changes provided for in this ordinance shall not affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any right established or accruing before the effective date of this ordinance; nor shall it affect any prosecution, suit or proceeding pending or any judgment rendered prior to the effective date of this ordinance. All fee schedules shall remain in force until superseded by the fee schedules adopted by the City Council.

**SECTION 4: Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final adoption; however, prior to its final adoption it shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Section 808 and 812 of “The Charter of the City of Santa Clara, California.”

PASSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLICATION this XX day of XXXXXX, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILORS:

NOES: COUNCILORS:

ABSENT: COUNCILORS:

ABSTAINED: COUNCILORS:

ATTEST:

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NORA PIMENTEL, MMC  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK  
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference: None