

ORDINANCE NO. 182723

An ordinance amending Sections 20.36 and 22.816 and deleting Section 22.801.2 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code regarding Neighborhood Council elections.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 20.36 of Article 1 of Chapter 3 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Sec. 20.36. Neighborhood Council Elections.

(a) The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) and the City Clerk are authorized to conduct Neighborhood Council board member elections during the months of March, April, May and June of each even-numbered year pursuant to a schedule to be developed in consultation with the Neighborhood Councils and pursuant to this section. The Department is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City Clerk specifying the respective roles and responsibilities for the administration of the Neighborhood Council elections.

(b) The Department and City Clerk shall each be authorized to promulgate any election procedure, rule, regulation, or issue any directive or moratorium necessary for that portion of the elections they administer, including the promulgation of any procedures, rules, regulations, directives, or moratoria for the resolution of any election challenge.

(c) A Neighborhood Council's bylaws may be amended by the Department to ensure that the bylaws comply with this section, the Los Angeles Administrative Code, or the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils. Any election procedures, rules or regulations promulgated by the Department or the City Clerk are hereby incorporated into all Neighborhood Council bylaws by reference and are to be affixed to the Neighborhood Council's bylaws. The election rules and regulations shall take precedence over any inconsistent language in the Neighborhood Council's bylaws.

(d) The Department and the City Clerk are authorized to charge a manual recount fee in the amount of \$798.80 per Neighborhood Council, and \$2.28 for each additional ballot required to be recounted beyond the estimated average number of ballots cast in a Neighborhood Council election, to any stakeholder, as defined in Los Angeles Administrative Code section 22.811(a)(2), who voted in a Neighborhood Council election and who has requested a recount.

Sec. 2. Section 22.801.2 of Article 1 of Chapter 28 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is deleted in its entirety.


Sec. 3. Section 22.816 of Article 3 of Chapter 28 is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Sec. 22.816. Neighborhood Council Elections.


Neighborhood Council board member elections shall be administered pursuant to Section 20.36 of this Code.

Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records. I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of SEP 17 2013.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, Interim City Clerk

By 
Deputy

Approved  SEP 24 2013


Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

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