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ORDINANCE NO. 312

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, ARIZONA BY ENACTING ARTICLE 1-11 PERTAINING TO ELECTIONS, SAMPLE BALLOTS AND INFORMATIONAL/PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS; ENACTING ARTICLE 1-12 PERTAINING TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM, NUMBER OF SIGNATURES, AND METHOD OF CALCULATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Common Council of the Town of Jerome, Arizona as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of the Code of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, is amended by enacting a new, Article 1-11 pertaining to elections, sample ballots and informational/publicity pamphlets and which shall read as follows:

Article 1-11 Elections, sample ballots and informational/publicity pamphlets.

The following procedures relating to sample ballots and informational pamphlets are hereby adopted for conducting elections at which an initiative, referendum, matter referred to the qualified electors by the Town Council or bond election for which an informational/publicity pamphlet is required are to be voted on.

- (a) An informational/publicity pamphlet containing the entire text of the official ballot, shall be mailed by the Town Clerk to each household within the town in which a registered voter resides, not less than 10 days prior to the election to which the sample ballot pertains.
- (b) The pamphlet shall contain the proposition as it will appear on the ballot together with a summary of each proposition. Each summary shall be followed by any argument supporting the proposition followed by any arguments opposing the proposition.
- (c) Arguments supporting and opposing propositions and bond questions appearing on the ballot shall be filed with the office of the Town Clerk by 5:00 p.m., not less than 60 days prior to the election at which the propositions are to be voted upon. Arguments supporting or opposing propositions and bond questions appearing on the ballot shall meet the following requirements:

1. Arguments must relate to the propositions proposed by initiatives; referred by

referendum or referred by the Town Council which appear on the ballot. Arguments on bond authorization questions must be specific to a particular question.

2. Arguments must identify the proposition or bond question to which they refer and indicate whether the argument is in support of or opposition to the proposition or bond question.
3. Arguments may not exceed 300 words in length.
4. Arguments must be signed by the person or all the persons submitting them. Arguments submitted by organizations shall be signed on behalf of the organization by an officer of the organization authorized to take such action. All persons signing documents shall indicate their residence or post office address.
5. No person or organization shall submit more than one argument for each proposition or bond question to be voted upon.
6. The Town Clerk shall have sole discretion over the translation of such submittal.
7. Each argument shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee in the amount of ~~\$200.00~~ ^{\$250.00} to offset costs of printing, paper and translation. This requirement shall not be waived on any account.
8. For arguments on bond election questions, any matter not specifically addressed in this Code shall be addressed in the manner provided by State law.

Section 2. Chapter 1 of the Code of the Town of Jerome, Arizona is amended by enacting Article 1-12 pertaining to Initiative and Referendum, number of signatures, and method of calculation, and which shall provide as follows:

Article 1-12. Initiative and Referendum, number of signatures, and method of calculation.

The electors of the Town of Jerome, Arizona may initiate a local law or ordinance by securing the signatures of fifteen percent (15%) of the

qualified electors of the Town of Jerome on a petition.

- (a) The total number of qualified electors registered to vote in the Town as of the deadline for registration for the most recent regular municipal primary election preceding the filing of an initiative petition shall be the basis upon which the number of qualified electors of the Town of Jerome required to file an initiative petition shall be computed.
- (b) The basis upon which the number of qualified electors of the Town of Jerome required to file a referendum petition shall be as determined by State law.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective in the manner provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, this 16th day of November, 2001.

Jay Kinsella, Mayor



ATTEST: Al Palmieri, Town Clerk


_____ *November 13 2001*

Approved as to form:



