

RESOLUTION NO. 24593

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING  
PROCEDURES FOR THE SELECTION OF A MAYOR AND  
MAYOR PRO TEM

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2018, the Palm Springs City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1971 establishing a five (5) district electoral system. As a result, the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are to be selected from amongst the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in December 2019, the current at-large Mayor's term will end and the position of Mayor shall become an appointed position, with appointments to be made annually, and the process for appointment shall be set by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are peers of, and serve at the pleasure of, the other Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to implement a rotating system for the appointment of Councilmembers to the honorary positions of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. At the first City Council meeting in December 2019 and at the first City Council meeting in December of each year thereafter, the City Council shall appoint a Councilmember to serve as Mayor and a Councilmember to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in accordance with the following:

1. The Mayor Pro Tem shall automatically succeed to the position of Mayor.
2. The Councilmember residing or representing the next sequential district shall be appointed Mayor Pro Tem.
3. If the current Mayor Pro Tem is not re-elected, the Councilmembers residing or representing the next sequential districts shall be appointed Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, respectively.
4. A Councilmember shall not serve as Mayor during their first year on the City Council.

SECTION 2. In the event that a Councilmember would serve as Mayor during their first year on the City Council, that Councilmember shall switch their year of service as Mayor with a Councilmember representing the next sequential District eligible and willing to serve as Mayor.

**SECTION 3.** If at any point in time a Councilmember serving as Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem resigns from the position or from the City Council, or otherwise is no longer able to continue serving in their capacity as Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem, the position shall be filled in the same manner as the annual appointments. At the first City Council meeting in December thereafter, the process for selecting a new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem shall be modified as follows:

1. If the Councilmember serving as Mayor has only served a partial term, that Councilmember shall continue to serve as Mayor.
2. If the Councilmember serving as Mayor Pro Tem has only served a partial term, that Councilmember shall continue to serve as Mayor Pro Tem unless there is an outgoing Mayor, in which case the Councilmember shall be appointed to serve as Mayor.

**SECTION 4.** At the request of a Councilmember, the City Council may grant deferral of a Councilmember's term as Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem for good cause and return to the rotation shall require approval of the City Council.

**SECTION 5.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a Councilmember may decline to serve as Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem. If a Councilmember declines to serve in either position, the selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem shall continue as provided but removing the declining Councilmember from the rotation.

**SECTION 6.** Every District shall have an opportunity to serve as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem every five (5) years, unless a Councilmember declines or defers their appointment.

**SECTION 7.** In the event that these procedures for the appointment of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem would result in no Councilmember being eligible to fill either position, then the City Council may vote to appoint anyone of its members to serve.

**SECTION 8.** The City Council by a four-fifths (4/5<sup>th</sup>) vote may remove the Mayor and/or Mayor Pro Tem.


**SECTION 9.** The City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and its approval by the City Council and shall cause the same to be listed in the records of the City.

ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2019.



David H. Ready, Esq., Ph.D.  
City Manager

ATTEST:

  
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Anthony J. Mejia, MMC  
City Clerk

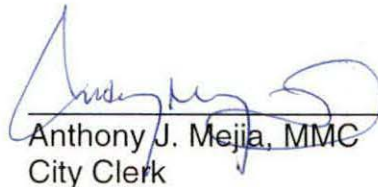
CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ) ss.  
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS )

I, ANTHONY J. MEJIA, City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs, hereby certify that Resolution No. 24593 is a full, true and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Springs on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Holstege, Middleton, Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem Kors, and Mayor Moon  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Palm Springs, California, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

  
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Anthony J. Mejia, MMC  
City Clerk