

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 17-07**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTION 2-62 OF THE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH AUTHORITY TO CALL SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM MEASURES AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING THIS ORDINANCE TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE THAT IS OPERATIVE IMMEDIATELY AS PROVIDED BY LAW.**

**WHEREAS**, the Maricopa City Code does not currently provide the Council with the authority to call special elections for initiative and referendum matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa believe, after consultation with its staff, that amending the City Code to provide Council with the authority to call special elections for initiative and referendum matters is in the City's best interest, and is critical for the efficient administration of City services and City elections.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That Section 2-62 of the Maricopa City Code is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-62. Special Elections for Initiatives and Referendums**

Initiative and referendum elections shall be voted on at the next ensuing primary or general election or Council may call for a special election for such purpose in accordance with A.R.S. Titles 16 and 19 and amendments thereto and the Arizona State Constitution.

**SECTION 2.** To the extent of any conflict between other City Ordinances and this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall be deemed to be controlling; provided, however, that this Ordinance is not intended to amend or repeal any existing City Ordinance, Resolution or regulation except as expressly set forth herein.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion 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 thereof.

**SECTION 4.** In order to preserve the peace, health and safety of the City of Maricopa, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon its approval by the Mayor and City Council.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona,  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

APPROVED:

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Christian Price  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vanessa Bueras, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Denis Fitzgibbons  
City Attorney