

ORDINANCE NO. 5087

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR MESA MAYORAL CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-322 (A)(8) establishes the minimum number of signatures required on a Mayoral candidate's nomination petitions to be at least five percent and not more than ten percent of the vote in the city; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-322 (A)(8) also provides that a city holding nonpartisan elections "may by ordinance provide that the minimum number of signatures required for the candidate be one thousand signatures or five per cent of the vote in the city, whichever is less, but not more than ten per cent of the vote in the city;" and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is appropriate to establish the number of signatures required for Mesa Mayoral candidate nomination petitions.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The minimum number of nomination petition signatures required for a candidate for the office of Mayor to have his or her name included on the Mesa election ballot shall be one thousand signatures or five percent of the vote for Mayor in the last preceding Mayoral election, whichever is less.

Section 2. Emergency. The immediate operation of the provisions of this ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, adoption and approval by the Mesa City Council and is hereby exempt from the referendum provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 23rd day of April, 2012.

APPROVED:



SCOTT SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:


LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

