

ORDINANCE NO. 5106

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, PROPOSING TO AMEND SECTION 701(A) OF THE MESA CITY CHARTER TO ALLOW COUNCIL TO SET DATES FOR CITY OF MESA ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, state law has changed to require that all Council candidate elections be held in fall of even numbered years,

WHEREAS, given the change in state law, the Mesa City Charter is now inconsistent with state law with regard to the date of Council candidate elections, and

WHEREAS, Council deems it necessary to change the City Charter to avoid a conflict with state law,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mesa, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: That Section 701(A) of the Mesa City Charter is amended as follows, subject to approval by the voters and the Governor of the State of Arizona:

701(A): DATE OF ELECTIONS. ~~Except as provided below, the primary election shall be held on the last Tuesday of March o each even numbered year, and the general election, if required, shall be held on the fifth (5th) Tuesday following the primary election.~~ **THE COUNCIL SHALL, BY ORDINANCE, SET ELECTION DATES FOR THE CITY OF MESA. IF THE COUNCIL DOES NOT ADOPT AN ORDINANCE, ELECTION DATES FOR THE CITY SHALL FOLLOW STATE LAW.**

Section 2: Effective Date: In accordance with Section 903(C) of the Mesa City Charter, this ordinance and the Charter amendment it describes shall not go into effect unless approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon at the next City election and approved by the Governor of the State of Arizona.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, this 2nd day of July, 2012.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Crocker
City Clerk

