

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

Voter approval of Measure K would add Section 2.94 to the Oceanside City Code to establish term limits for the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor and City Council are elected positions with four-year terms. Under current law, the City of Oceanside does not impose term limits on any of its elected officials. California law requires voter approval of any local law to enact term limits.

Measure K was placed on the ballot by the Oceanside City Council and, if adopted, would amend the Oceanside City Code to limit Council Member service to three four-year terms over the course of an official's lifetime. Similarly, the proposed amendment would cap the number of terms one could serve as Mayor to three four-year terms over the official's lifetime. The terms served as a member of the City Council would not count against the three-term limit for the Mayor. Similarly, the terms served as Mayor would not count against the three-term limit for a Council Member. This means that if Measure K is passed by the voters, an elected official could serve a maximum three four-year terms as a member of the City Council and an additional three four-year terms as the Mayor.

Measure K provides that a partial term of two years or more counts as a full term for both the Mayor and Council Member. Therefore, if an official is elected or appointed to fill a vacant position as either Mayor or Council Member, a partial term served for two years or more will count as a full term.

The proposed City Code amendment, if approved by the voters, would become effective immediately. As required by state law, the term limits measure would apply prospectively only, meaning it will apply only to terms commencing after November 3, 2020.

Measure K does not apply to the Offices of City Treasurer or City Clerk.

A Yes vote is in favor of adopting Oceanside City Code section 2.94 to establish limits of three four-year terms for the Mayor and City Council.

A No vote is in favor of the current system of having no term limits for the Mayor and City Council.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure K. If you desire a copy of the ordinance, please call the City Clerk's office at (760) 435-3001 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. The full text of Measure K can be accessed at the following website: <https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=52791>

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