



Local Ballot Measure: Z

Impartial Analysis of Measure Z

If adopted by the voters, Measure Z would amend the Charter of the City of Pacific Grove to reduce the number of City Councilmembers from six to four retaining the elected Mayor. If adopted, the measure would also amend other articles of the charter to be consistent with the reduced size of the City Council to four members and an elected Mayor. The proposed amendments to the Pacific Grove Charter are summarized below:

Article 6 Officers and Employees reduces the number of Councilmembers from six to four. Article 11 The Mayor, changes the number of votes to appoint a replacement in the event of vacancy to three affirmative votes; Article 12 Council, provides that two Councilmembers would be elected at each general municipal election; Article 13 Meetings of the Council, provides that the Council could cancel one of monthly regular meetings by four affirmative votes; Article 15 Ordinances, provides that adoption of ordinances, resolutions and claims would require three affirmative votes and emergency ordinances require four affirmative votes; Article 19 City Manager, provides that appointment requires an affirmative vote of four-fifths of the Council and excuse from attendance at a City Council meeting requires permission from two members or the Mayor; Article 24 City Attorney, provides that excuse from attendance at a City Council meeting requires permission from two members or the Mayor; Article 26 Appointive Commissions and Boards provides that appointment of persons to serve on Commissions and Boards shall be made by the Mayor subject to the confirmation by affirmative vote of three members of the Council. Removal of Commissioners of Board members would require an affirmative vote of three of Councilmembers and Article 40 Contracts on Public Works; Materials and Supplies provides that the Council may by an affirmative vote of four of its members determine that the work may be more economically or satisfactorily performed by day labor, by either city employees or others, and it may proceed to have the work done without further observance of relevant provisions of Article 40 and further provides that contracts required by urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health or property, may be authorized by resolution passed by an affirmative vote of four Councilmembers.

The changes would become effective and implemented in conjunction with the November 3, 2026 (Article 12) and November 7, 2028 elections (Articles 6, 11, 13, 15, 19, 24, 26, and 40).

A “yes” vote on Measure Z would be a vote to adopt the various amendments to the Charter of the City of Pacific Grove decreasing the number of Councilmembers to four with consistent voting requirements.

A “no” vote on Measure Z would be a vote against adopting the amendments to the Charter of the City of Pacific Grove and the Charter will remain the same.

This Measure will be effective if a majority (greater than fifty percent (50%)) of the voters voting on the Measure vote in its favor.

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This measure was placed on the ballot by a resolution of the City Council and is hereby submitted to the Elections Officials in conformance with Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.