

## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENIFEE PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO MATERIALS FOR CANDIDATES AND COSTS PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, California Elections Code Section 13307 provides that the governing body of any local agency adopt regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for a Municipal Election, including the costs thereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENIFEE, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. General Provisions.** That pursuant to California Elections Code Section 13307, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Menifee on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, may prepare a candidate statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk. Such statements may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than two hundred (200) words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate themselves. In that City Council offices are non-partisan, such statements shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership activity in the partisan political organizations. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 13307, such statements may not include a reference to any other candidate. Such statements shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. Such statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

**SECTION 2. Foreign Language Policy.** Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, the City Clerk shall provide a Spanish translation of the candidate's statement to be included in the voter's pamphlet and mailed with the sample ballot to each registered voter in the City, if the candidate requests such statement in Spanish. (In compliance with the amendments to the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, Public Law 94-73, August 6, 1975.)

**SECTION 3. Payment.** The City Clerk shall require a candidate filing a statement to pay a deposit in advance as a condition of having his or her statement included in the voters' pamphlet. The City Clerk shall bill each candidate for any cost in excess of the deposit and shall refund any unused portion of any deposit.

**SECTION 4. Formatting.** The City Clerk shall allow italics, underlining, bullets, and capitalized words in candidate statements. Bold type is prohibited in candidate statements.

**SECTION 5. State Standards.** The City Clerk shall comply with all recommendations and standards set forth by the California Secretary of State regarding occupational designations and other matters relating to elections.

**SECTION 6. Additional Materials.** No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials to the sample ballot package.

**SECTION 7. Copies.** The City Clerk shall provide each candidate or the candidate's representative with a copy of this Resolution at the time nomination petitions are issued.

**SECTION 8. Repeal.** That all previous resolutions establishing council policy on payment for candidate statements are repealed.

**SECTION 9. Application.** That this resolution shall apply to the election to be held on November 5, 2024 and shall then be repealed.

**SECTION 10. Certification.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution, shall enter the same into the book of original Resolutions of the City of Menifee.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.**

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Bill Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Roseen, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Jeffrey T. Melching, City Attorney