



City Council Report

Date: November 18, 2019
To: City Council
Through: Chris Brady, City Manager
From: Dee Ann Mickelsen, City Clerk
Subject: Amendments to Mesa City Code Title 1, Chapter 17 entitled "Clerk"
(Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval to amend the Mesa City Code Title 1, Chapter 17 of the Mesa City Code entitled "Clerk" to grant the City Clerk the authority to correct scrivener's errors without the need for City Council action, and to make other, minor changes. In addition to minor changes to clarify language, this amendment will allow for the prompt correction of such errors without the need to take unnecessary City Council and staff time to make formal correction.

Background

A scrivener's error is an error resulting from a minor mistake or inadvertence that does not alter sense, meaning or effect, and can occur in the codification of the City Code or in an ordinance or resolution of the City Council. As used in the City Code, scrivener's errors include, but are not limited to, the following types of errors: misspelling, grammatical, numbering, cross-referencing, capitalization, typographical, formatting, mis-transcribing or omitting an obviously needed word, or inconsistency with the rules of style adopted for the City Code.

Staff is proposing an Ordinance to amend the language in Mesa City Code 1-17 (Clerk) to include granting authority to the City Clerk to correct scrivener's errors. In addition, minor changes are made to clarify the language in 1-17-2 (Duties).