

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR MESA DISTRICT COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-322 (A)(9) establishes the minimum number of signatures required on a District Council candidate's nomination petitions to be at least five percent and not more than ten percent of the votes cast for Mayor in that District; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-322 (A)(9) also provides that a city holding nonpartisan elections "may by ordinance provide that the minimum number of signatures required for the candidate be two hundred and fifty signatures or five per cent of the vote in the District, whichever is less, but not more than ten per cent of the vote in the District;" and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that it is appropriate to establish the number of signatures required for Mesa District Council candidate nomination petitions.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The minimum number of nomination petition signatures required for a candidate for the office of District Councilmember to have his or her name included on the Mesa election ballot shall be two hundred and fifty signatures or five percent of the votes cast for Mayor in that District in the last preceding Mayoral election, whichever is less.

Section 2. This ordinance shall not become effective until Senate Bill 1198, amending Arizona Revised Statute § 16-322, becomes effective. Senate Bill 1198 becomes effective 90 days after the end of the 2012 Arizona Legislative Session.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

APPROVED:

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SCOTT SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK