

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2020

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION

WHEREAS, §13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California provides that the governing body of any local agency adopt regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for a municipal election, including costs of the candidate's statement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby resolve, declare, determine and order as follows:

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS. Pursuant to §13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at an election to be held in the City of Fort Bragg may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk. The statement may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself. The statement shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statement shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. Except as provided in Elections Code §13309, the statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.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. The City Clerk shall have all candidate statements translated into Spanish and print the translations of candidate statements in the voter pamphlet for all Council candidates.

SECTION 3. CANDIDATE STATEMENT COSTS. The City of Fort Bragg will pay all costs for printing and translations of candidate statements for all City Council candidates. Pursuant to Government Code §85300(b), public moneys for candidate statements shall be held in a dedicated fund for this purpose and will be made available to all qualified, voluntarily participating candidates for the same office without regard to incumbency or political party preference.

SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS. No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials in the sample ballot package.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall provide each candidate or the candidate's representative a copy of this Resolution at the time the nomination petitions are issued.

SECTION 6. All candidate statements filed with the City Clerk pursuant to this Resolution and Elections Code §13307 shall remain confidential until the expiration of the

filing deadline pursuant to Elections Code §13311. After the expiration of the filing deadline, the City Clerk shall make copies of candidate statements available for public examination at the City Clerk's office for a period of 10 calendar days immediately following the filing deadline.

SECTION 7. All previous resolutions establishing Council policy on payment for candidate's statements are repealed.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall apply at the next ensuing municipal election and at each municipal election after that time until repealed or replaced.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 13th day of January, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSED:

WILLIAM V. LEE

Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk