
MEASURE Q

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ROSEVILLE CITY CHARTER

Shall Article 10 of the City Charter regarding municipally-owned utilities be amended by revising Section 10.01 to prohibit the City from providing retail potable water to new service areas outside the City limits after January 1, 2021, and by revising Section 10.02 to remove from the Council the authority to delegate to the City manager the ability to establish nonresidential electric rates and to clarify that the Council may establish such rates by ordinance?

YES _____

NO _____

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY THE ROSEVILLE CITY ATTORNEY

The City Council has placed before the voters the question whether to amend Section 10.01 of the City Charter entitled "General powers respecting utilities" and Section 10.02 entitled "Rates; collection of utility charges."

Currently, Section 10.01 allows the City to provide a broad range of public utility services within and outside its City limits. This Charter Amendment would revise Section 10.01 to prohibit the City from providing retail potable water to new service areas outside the City limits after January 1, 2021. However, the City would still retain the authority to engage in future wholesale water agreements and interagency water transfers and exchanges.

Section 10.02 grants to the City Council the power to establish utility rates and charges. Further, for nonresidential electric utility customers, Section 10.02 authorizes the City Council, by ordinance, to delegate the power to fix such rates and charges to the City Manager. This Charter Amendment revises Section 10.02 by removing the authority to delegate to the City Manager the ability to establish nonresidential electric rates. Instead and consistent with public utility rate-setting practices, such rates may only be established by the City Council by ordinance.

A "Yes" vote is a vote in favor of this Charter Amendment. A "No" vote is a vote against this Charter Amendment. This Measure will be approved if it receives a simple majority of "Yes" votes.

Robert R. Schmitt
Roseville City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure Q. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Elections Official at 916-774-5263 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Q

Approval of Measure Q will protect the sustainability of our precious water supplies by forbidding retail water service to new development areas outside the City's boundaries after January 1, 2021, and ensure transparency in rate setting for commercial electric rates

by requiring the Council to set the rates by ordinance in a public meeting. There is no fiscal impact.

The Charter Review Commission recommends a Yes vote on Measure Q.

Susan Rohan, Charter Review Commission Chair

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Q WAS SUBMITTED

PROPOSED CHARTER TEXT REVISION

Sec. 10.01. General powers respecting utilities.

The City shall possess all powers granted to cities by state law to construct, condemn ~~and purchase~~, purchase, acquire, add to, maintain, and operate, either within or outside its corporate limits, including, but not by way of limitation, public utilities for supplying water, light, heat, power, gas, transportation, sewage and refuse collections, treatment and disposal services, or any of them, to the municipality and the inhabitants thereof; and also to sell and deliver any of the utility services above mentioned outside its corporate limits, to the extent permitted by state law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, after January 1, 2021 the City shall not provide retail potable water service to new service areas outside its corporate limits. Each City-owned utility shall be financially self-sufficient, and shall fully compensate the City general fund for all goods, services, real property and rights to use or operate on or in City-owned real property.

Sec. 10.02. Rates; collection of utility charges.

The Council shall have the power to classify and to fix and, from time to time to revise such rates and charges as it may deem advisable for supplying the inhabitants of the City and others with such utility services as the City may provide. For nonresidential electric utility customers, the council may, by ordinance, ~~delegate the power to fix such rates and charges to the City Manager~~ upon such terms and conditions as the council deems advisable. The council shall, by ordinance, provide for the collection of all public utility charges made by the City, and the attendant exercise, on behalf of the city, of all actions or remedies permitted by law.