



TITLE

Initiative Petition Measure M

RECOMMENDATION

Consider Initiative Petition Measure M and provide direction pursuant to California Elections Code sections 9212 and 9215 regarding whether to:

Option 1 - Adopt the proposed ordinance without alteration: Adopt a Resolution adopting, without alteration, the proposed ordinance submitted by initiative petition known as Measure M pursuant to California Elections Code 9215(a); or

Option 2 - Submit the proposed ordinance to the voters : Adopt a Resolution submitting the proposed initiative ordinance known as Measure M to the voters at the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election Consolidated with Napa County Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9215(b); or

Option 3 - Direct staff to prepare a report pursuant to Elections Code Section 9212: Adopt a Resolution ordering the preparation of a report pursuant to California Elections Code section 9212 regarding the proposed initiative ordinance known as Measure M.

CONTACT

Taresa Geilfuss, CMC, City Clerk

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

On the Consent Calendar of this same agenda, City Council accepted the certification of the Napa County Registrar of Voters that initiative petition Measure M, entitled: "Initiative Measure to Amend American Canyon 2040 General Plan Mobility Element to Add Watson Lane Extension and Newell Drive Extension to the General Plan Roadway Network," contains a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify for further consideration under the California Elections Code.

Following certification of petition sufficiency, California Elections Code section 9215 requires the City Council to take one of the following actions with respect to the proposed initiative ordinance.

Option 1 – Adopt the Ordinance Without Alteration

Pursuant to Elections Code section 9215(a), the City Council may adopt the proposed ordinance, without alteration. If the City Council adopts the ordinance outright, the measure becomes law without submission to the voters, subject to any applicable effective dates and legal requirements.

Option 2 – Submit the Measure to the Voters

Pursuant to Elections Code section 9215(b), the City Council may submit the proposed ordinance to the voters at a future election. If the Council chooses this option, additional election-related actions would be required at a later date, including establishing deadlines and procedures for ballot arguments and impartial analysis; and authorizing related election administration activities.

Unless otherwise required by law, the measure would generally be submitted to the voters at the next regular municipal election.

Option 3 – Direct Preparation of a Report Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9212

Prior to taking final action under Elections Code section 9215, the City Council may direct staff to prepare a report pursuant to Elections Code section 9212. Section 9212 authorizes the City Council to request a report evaluating the potential impacts of the proposed initiative measure. The report may address topics including, but not limited to:

- Fiscal impacts;
- Land use and planning impacts;
- Traffic and circulation impacts;
- Infrastructure and public service impacts;
- Environmental considerations;
- Consistency with the General Plan and existing City policies; and
- Other matters requested by the City Council.

If the City Council directs preparation of a Section 9212 report, the report must be presented to the Council within 30 days.

Following receipt of the report, the City Council would then proceed under Elections Code section 9215 to either:

- Adopt the initiative ordinance without alteration; or
- Submit the measure to the voters.

Council Direction

At this meeting, staff is requesting that City Council provide direction regarding how it wishes to proceed under the California Elections Code. Depending on the action selected by the City Council, the appropriate implementing resolution will be presented for consideration.

COUNCIL PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Organizational Effectiveness: "Deliver exemplary government services."

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with receiving this report and considering the procedural options available under the California Elections Code.

Potential future fiscal impacts would depend on the action selected by the City Council. Preparation of a report pursuant to Elections Code section 9212 requires staff time, consultant support and legal counsel. Estimated expense is TBD.

Submission of the measure to the voters would result in additional election-related costs of approximately \$20,000 including ballot preparation, publication, translation, and county election administration expenses.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

15378(b) - The action is not a "Project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because it does not qualify as a "Project" under Public Resources Code Sections 21065 and 21080 and in Section 15378(b) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

COMMUNICATION

Level 0: No Further Public Communication Needed

ATTACHMENTS:

[Option 1 - Resolution Adopting Ordinance as Submitted](#)

[Option 1 - Exhibit A - Initiative Petition Ordinance](#)

[Option 2 - Resolution Submitting to the Initiative to the Voters](#)

[Option 2 - Exhibit A - Initiative Petition Ordinance](#)

[Option 3 - Resolution Ordering a 9212 Report](#)