

City Attorney's Impartial Analysis of Measure H

In the City of Perris ("City") the elected offices are Mayor, City Council, and City Clerk. The term of office for each of these offices is currently four years. There is currently no limit on the number of terms that may be served in any of these offices.

The Perris City Council voted to place Measure H on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 general municipal election. If passed by the voters, Measure H will establish a lifetime limit of three terms upon these elected offices. Measure H will not change the length of a term, which will remain at four years. Therefore, Measure H would mean that an individual may serve up to 12 years in one of the offices mentioned above, but would not be eligible to serve in that office again.

The lifetime limit of three terms will not be aggregated between the elected offices. For example, an individual may serve three terms as Mayor, another three terms as a Council Member, and another three terms as City Clerk, in any order. The three terms do not need to be consecutively served, so for example an individual may serve one term as a Council Member, then one term as Mayor, then two more terms as a Council Member, and so forth.

Measure H will apply to terms of office beginning on or after the November 6, 2018 general municipal election. Measure H will not apply retroactively. That is, terms served or partially-served prior to Measure H will not count toward the three-term limit.

In the event there is a future vacancy in one of the elected offices, and an individual is elected or appointed to fill that vacancy, the partial term will not count toward the three-term limit if the remainder of the partial term is less than half of the full term. The method of counting partial terms may be amended by a majority vote of the City Council provided that those amendments are consistent with and further the purposes of Measure H. All other amendments require approval of the City's voters.

A "**Yes**" vote approves establishing a lifetime term limit of three terms for the elected offices of Mayor, Council Member, and City Clerk. A "**No**" vote disapproves establishing such term limits. This Measure will take effect only if a majority of voters vote "**Yes**" at the November 6, 2018, general municipal election.

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure H. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Perris City Clerk's Office at 951-956-2925 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.