## CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 18-08 (Approved by the Voters on June 5, 2018)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF IRVINE TO REQUIRE A 2/3 VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO PROPOSE TAXES

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Irvine, California DOES HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

<u>SECTION 1:</u> <u>Text of Charter Amendment</u>. The City Charter of the City of Irvine is hereby amended as follows (<u>underlining</u> showing additions and <u>strike through</u> showing deletions):

<u>Section 904. City Council Sponsored Tax Proposals – 2/3 Vote</u> Requirement.

Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of this Charter, no City Council sponsored proposal to impose, extend or increase a tax shall be presented at an election unless the ordinance or resolution proposing to impose, extend or increase such tax is approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the total members of the City Council. As used in this section, the term "tax" shall mean both a "general tax" and a "special tax" as defined in Article XIIIC, Section 1, subdivisions (a) and (d), respectively, of the California Constitution.

<u>SECTION 2:</u> <u>Ballot Description</u>. As provided in Government Code section 34458.5, the following ballot description is included in this proposed Charter Amendment measure:

CHARTER AMENDMENT (Section 904): This Charter Amendment measure would amend the City Charter to add Section 904. Proposed Section 904 would require any tax proposal sponsored by the City Council that imposes, extends or increases a tax to be approved by at least a twothirds vote of the total membership of the City Council in order to be presented to the voters at an election, whereas presently only a majority vote of the City Council is required to place most tax measures on the ballot for voter consideration. The term "tax" in proposed Section 904 means both "general" and "special" taxes as defined in Article XIIIC of the California Constitution. A "general tax" is defined in the California Constitution as a tax imposed for general governmental purposes. A "special tax" is defined in the California Constitution as a tax imposed for specific purposes, including a tax imposed for a specific purpose which is placed into a general fund. This amendment does not give the City Council power to raise its compensation or that of other City officials without voter approval.

<u>SECTION 3:</u> <u>Severability.</u> It is the intent of the people that the provisions of this Charter Amendment measure are severable and that if any provision of this Charter Amendment measure, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Charter Amendment measure which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

<u>SECTION 4:</u> <u>Effective Date</u>. This Charter Amendment measure shall become effective in the manner allowed by law.

ADOPTED by the vote of the people of the City of Irvine on June 5, 2018 at a Special Municipal Election as certified by the City Council of the City of Irvine on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018, and the effective date of the ordinance will be determined by the official filing date by the Secretary of State.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )
COUNTY OF ORANGE ) SS
CITY OF IRVINE )

I, MOLLY MCLAUGHLIN, City Clerk of the City of Irvine, HEREBY DO CERTIFY that the foregoing Charter Amendment was adopted by the voters of the City of Irvine as an initiative measure at an election held on June 5, 2018, as certified by the City Council of the City of Irvine on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018, and that the effective date of the ordinance will be determined by the official filing date by the Secretary of State's Office.

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE