

ORDINANCE NO. 03-02

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA
ADOPTING THE OPTIONAL PROCEDURE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AS AUTHORIZED
IN A.R.S., § 9-821.01; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Any candidate who receives at the primary election a majority of all the votes cast shall be declared to be elected to the office for which he is a candidate effective as of the date of the general election, and no further election shall be held as to said candidate; provided that if more candidates receive a majority than there are offices to be filled, those candidates equal in number of the offices to be filled with the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Section 2. Nothing on the ballot in any election shall be indicative of the support of the candidate.

Section 3. If at any primary election held as above provided there be any office for which no candidate is elected, then as to such office, the election shall be considered to be a primary election for nomination of candidates for such office, and the general municipal election shall be held to vote for candidates to fill such office. Candidates to be placed on the ballot at the general municipal election shall be those not elected at the primary election and shall be equal in number to twice the number to be elected to any given office or less than that number if there be less than that number of names on the primary election ballot. Persons who receive the highest number of votes for the respective offices at such first election shall be the only candidates at such second election, provided that if there be any person who, under the provisions of this ordinance, would have been entitled to become a candidate for any office except for the fact that some other candidate received an equal number of votes therefor, then all such persons receiving an equal number of votes shall likewise become candidates for such office.

Section 4. The candidates equal in number to the persons to be elected who receive the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Section 5. Whereas, it is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the city, an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance shall become immediately operative and in force from and after the date of posting hereof.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona this 28th day of October, 2003.

APPROVED this 28th day of October, 2003 by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Common Council of Maricopa, Arizona.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney