

CITY OF HOLLISTER  
CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS  
OF BALLOT MEASURE S  
(Mayoral and City Council Term Limits)

Currently, the City of Hollister does not have term limits on elected office. On June 6, 2022, the City Council voted to place Measure S on the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election. If approved by a majority of voters, Measure S would add Section 2.04.340 to the Municipal Code to establish term limits on Mayoral service and City Council service.

Measure S would limit a person to serving no more eight consecutive years as Mayor. If a full Mayoral term in Hollister remains two years, the limit would be four consecutive full terms of service. If a full Mayoral term should change to four years in the future, the limit would be two consecutive full terms of service. Any person whose Mayoral service has reached the term limit may not hold office again as Mayor, whether by appointment or special election, for four (4) years following the conclusion of the person's last term of office as Mayor.

Measure S would also limit a person to serving no more than two consecutive full terms as a Council Member, for a total of eight consecutive years. Any person whose Council Member service has reached the term limit may not hold office again as a Council Member, whether by appointment or special election, for four (4) years following the conclusion of the person's last term of office as a Council Member.

Measure S allows a person whose Mayoral service has reached the term limit to run for or be appointed to a Council Member office if that person is otherwise legally qualified, and vice versa.

Measure S will only apply to Mayoral and Council terms starting with the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election.

A "term" covered by Measure S would include any of the following:

- (1) A full two-year or four-year year term, whichever is applicable, to which a person was elected or appointed in lieu of an election, and which was fully served by the officer.
- (2) Any such full term which was not completely served by the person, but which terminated prior to the scheduled expiration of the term due to any of the following: (i) the officer's seat is lawfully declared vacant other than for resignation, (ii) the officer is lawfully recalled from office during that term, (iii) the officer has legally forfeited elected office under applicable law during that term, or (iv) the officer resigns with one (1) year or less remaining in that term.

The following are not deemed to be a "term" covered by Measure S:

- (1) Any such full term which was not completely served by the person due to resignation with more than one (1) year remaining in that term.
- (2) Any partial term to which a person has been specially elected or appointed to the office of Mayor or City Council to fill a mid-term vacancy, pursuant to applicable law.

Measure S requires simple majority approval of Hollister voters to pass.

**The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure S. If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the Elections Official's office at (831) 636-4300 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.**

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