

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARLAKE CALLING FOR AND PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF CLEARLAKE, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON THE 3rd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING TWO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, EACH TO HOLD A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AND ONE CITY TREASURER, TO HOLD A TERM OF FOUR YEARS (SUBJECT TO SECTION 1.C OF THIS RESOLUTION), OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED AND QUALIFIED, AND SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS MEASURE ____ TO BE VOTED ON AT SAID ELECTION, ESTABLISHING DEADLINES FOR DIRECT AND REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS, PROVIDING FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS, AND REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ELECTION SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the General Municipal Election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Clearlake, County of Lake, State of California, on the 3rd day of November, 2026 for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the City Council, each to hold office for a term of four (4) years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and one (1) City Treasurer, to hold office for a term of four (4) years, or until a successor is elected and qualified, subject to Section 1.C of this Resolution.

WHEREAS, the General Municipal Election hereby called and ordered to be held shall be held and conducted, and the votes thereat received and canvassed, and the returns thereof made, and the result thereof ascertained, determined, and declared as herein provided, and in all particulars not recited herein, according to the laws of the State of California, providing for Municipal Elections; and the polls for such election shall be and remain open during the time required by said laws.

WHEREAS, all voting places, precincts, and election officials within the boundaries of the City of Clearlake shall be the same as those for the General Election.

WHEREAS, the two (2) City Council Member nominees, receiving the highest number of votes for their respective offices and who have filed the required disclosure statements, shall be declared elected for their four (4) year terms beginning when first administered the oath of office, and ending when their successors are elected and qualified. The City Treasurer nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected and installed only as and to the extent provided in Section 1.C of this Resolution.

WHEREAS, the Clearlake City Council has determined to prepare and submit Measure _____ to the voters of the City of Clearlake as follows:

Section 1. **Ballot Question:** There shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Clearlake at said election Measure _____ with the question appearing on the voter ballot as follows:

Ballot Measure _____:

“SHALL THE OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER BE APPOINTIVE?”

A. Full Text of Measure ____: The full text of Measure ____ is the ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference. The City Clerk shall transmit the full text of the measure to the County Elections Official together with this Resolution and shall make it available to any voter upon request.

B. Vote Required for Passage of Measure ____: That Measure ____ shall be submitted to the voters with spaces provided on the ballot form whereby each voter may vote “yes” or “no” on the measure. That Measure ____ shall be considered approved if a simple majority of the voters voting in said election cast a “yes” vote.

C. Effect of Measure ____ on the Election for City Treasurer: The office of City Treasurer will appear on the same November 3, 2026 ballot as Measure _____. If Measure _____ is approved by a majority of the votes cast on it, then, as provided in the full text of the measure: (1) the office of City Treasurer shall become an appointive office; and (2) notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, no person shall be declared elected to the office of City Treasurer as a result of the November 3, 2026 election, and no person shall assume, be installed in, or qualify for that office by virtue of votes cast at that election, notwithstanding that the person qualified for the ballot as a candidate for City Treasurer.

Section 2. The Clearlake City Council hereby requests approval of the Lake County Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Elections Department to provide election services to conduct said election.

Section 3. Arguments for and against Ballot Measure _____ shall be permitted and shall be submitted to the City Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2026, after which time no arguments for or against the Ballot Measure may be submitted to the City Clerk. All primary arguments submitted shall comply with Elections Code Section 9600 *et seq.*

Section 4. Rebuttal arguments shall be permitted and shall be submitted to City Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2026, after which time no rebuttal arguments may be submitted to the City Clerk. All rebuttal arguments submitted shall comply with Elections Code Section 9600 *et seq.*

Section 5. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9280, the City Council directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the City Attorney, who shall prepare impartial analysis of the Ballot Measure no later than August 25, 2026, showing the effect of the Ballot Measure on existing law and the operation of the measure. The impartial analysis shall be filed with the City Clerk.

Section 6. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution, and is authorized and directed to transmit copies hereof so certified to the Board of Supervisors and the Registrar of Voters of Lake County, cause notice of the Ballot Measure authorized by this Resolution to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Clearlake and take all other necessary and appropriate steps to place the Ballot Measure on the ballot and

accomplish the election thereon, including requesting any and all assistance from the County Elections Official necessary to do so.

Section 7. Notice of the time and place of holding the election on the Ballot Measure is hereby given, and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give such further or additional notice, in the time, form and manner required by law. The polls for the election shall open at seven o'clock a.m. on the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until eight o'clock p.m. on the same day, at which time the polls shall close unless otherwise required under Section 14401 of the Elections Code.

Section 8. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate and expend the necessary funds to pay for the City's cost of placing the Ballot Measure on the election ballot at the November 3, 2026 general municipal election, and to take all necessary and appropriate steps to place the Ballot Measure on the ballot including, without limitation, entering into an agreement between the City and Lake County Elections Official for the provision of election services, if needed.

Section 9. The City Council recognizes that additional costs may be incurred by the County by reason of this request for services and agrees to reimburse the County in full for such costs upon presentation of a bill to the City.

Section 10. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

Section 11. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of July, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Slooten, Council Members Wilson, Cremer, and Hooten

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Downey

ABSTAIN: None


Dirk Slooten, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melissa Swanson, City Clerk



EXHIBIT A
FULL TEXT OF MEASURE ____
ORDINANCE NO. 287-2026

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF CLEARLAKE MAKING THE
OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER APPOINTIVE AND PROVIDING TRANSITION
RULES**

The People of the City of Clearlake do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. APPOINTIVE OFFICE. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 36508 through 36510, the office of City Treasurer of the City of Clearlake is appointive. The City Treasurer shall be appointed, and shall hold office, as provided in Government Code Section 36510.

**SECTION 2. EFFECT ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION FOR CITY
TREASURER; TRANSITION.**

(a) The People of the City of Clearlake intend that the office of City Treasurer be appointive beginning with the election at which this ordinance is adopted, and that the office of City Treasurer not be filled by election at the November 3, 2026 general municipal election.

(b) Accordingly, if this ordinance is approved by a majority of the votes cast on it: (1) no person shall be declared elected to, assume, be installed in, or qualify for the office of City Treasurer by virtue of votes cast at the November 3, 2026 election, notwithstanding that the person qualified for the ballot as a candidate for that office; (2) all votes cast for candidates for the office of City Treasurer at that election shall be null and void and of no legal effect; and (3) the person holding the office of City Treasurer on the effective date of this ordinance shall continue in office until a City Treasurer is appointed pursuant to Government Code Section 36510, at which time the elective term shall be deemed expired for all purposes, including Government Code Section 36510.

(c) This section shall be liberally construed to effectuate the voters' intent stated in subdivision (a).

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT BY CITY COUNCIL. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9217, the People of the City of Clearlake authorize the City Council to amend this ordinance by ordinance adopted without a vote of the people; provided, however, that the appointive character of the office of City Treasurer established by this ordinance may be changed only as authorized by state law.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. If approved by a majority of the voters voting on the measure, this ordinance shall be considered adopted upon the date that the City Council declares the vote, and shall go into effect ten (10) days after that date, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9217.

Adopted by the People of the City of Clearlake at the general municipal election held November 3, 2026.

ATTEST:

Melissa Swanson, City Clerk