ORDINANCE 08-07

INITIATIVE MEASURE

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH TUCSON ELECTION CODE OR PROCEDURE PROVIDING FOR NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON:
THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON CODE OR ELECTION PROCEDURE IS PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS VOTING THEREON:
THE SOUTH TUCSON ELECTION CODE OR PROCEDURE SHALL REMAIN AS IT WAS ON JANUARY 1, 2008 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

1) QUALIFICATIONS
EACH CANDIDATE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE SHALL HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE CITY FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THEIR FILING OF NOMINATION PAPERS, AND SHALL CONTINUE RESIDENCE IN THE CITY WHILE IN OFFICE.

2) ELECTIONS NONPARTISAN
NOTHING ON THE BALLOT SHALL INDICATE THE PARTY AFFILIATION OF THE CANDIDATES.

3) MAJORITY TO ELECT IN PRIMARY
ANY CANDIDATE WHO SHALL RECEIVE AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION, THE NUMBER OF VOTES CONSTITUTING A MAJORITY OF ALL OF THE BALLOTS CAST, SHALL BE DECLARED TO BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE FOR WHICH HE IS A CANDIDATE, AND NO FURTHER ELECTIONS SHALL BE HELD AS TO SAID CANDIDATE PROVIDED THAT IF MORE CANDIDATES RECEIVE THE NUMBER OF VOTES CONSTITUTING A MAJORITY OF ALL OF THE BALLOTS CAST THAN THERE ARE OFFICES TO BE FILLED, THEN THOSE CANDIDATES, EQUAL IN NUMBER OF THE OFFICES TO BE FILLED, RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE DECLARED TO BE ELECTED.

4) GENERAL ELECTION
IF AT ANY PRIMARY ELECTION THERE BE ANY OFFICE OR OFFICES TO WHICH NO CANDIDATE THEREFORE WAS ELECTED, THEN A GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE HELD TO ELECT CANDIDATES TO FILL SUCH OFFICE OR OFFICES. THE CANDIDATES NOT ELECTED AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION, EQUAL IN NUMBER TO TWICE THE NUMBER TO BE ELECTED TO ANY GIVEN OFFICE OR LESS IF SO THERE BE, AND WHO RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR THE RESPECTIVE OFFICES AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION, SHALL BE THE ONLY CANDIDATES AT THE GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDED, THAT IF THERE BE ANY PERSON WHO UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION WOULD HAVE BEEN ENTITLED TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR ANY OFFICE, EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT OTHER CANDIDATE RECEIVED AN EQUAL NUMBER OF VOTES THEREFORE, THEN ALL SUCH PERSONS RECEIVING SAID EQUAL NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL LIKEWISE BECOME CANDIDATES FOR SUCH OFFICE.

THE CANDIDATES, EQUAL IN NUMBER TO THE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED, WHO SHALL RECEIVE THE HIGHEST OF VOTES AT A GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE DECLARED ELECTED TO SUCH OFFICE. IN ANY CASES OF TIES, THE DECISION AS TO WINNER SHALL BE DETERMINED BY LOT.