

This measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council for the City of Coalinga. The City Council for the City of Coalinga is comprised of five council members who are elected by the voters for four-year terms. The terms are staggered so that every two years, the voters will vote for two or three new council members. The five council members then appoint a Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem. California state law authorizes cities to establish limits on the number of terms an Elected Official may serve in office. Term limits must be approved by the voters of the City of Coalinga.

This measure proposes a new ordinance which adds Article 6 section 2-1.601 to Title 2, Chapter 1 of the Coalinga Municipal Code establishing term limits for Coalinga City Council members. Currently, there are no applicable term limits and council members have the ability to serve an infinite number of terms. The proposed ordinance, if approved by the voters, would become effective with the November 2018 election and limit members of the City Council from serving more than two consecutive four-year year terms. Following a minimum two year absence, a new two consecutive four-year term limit would apply.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance No. 788 or Measure _____. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voter's office at 559-600-3011 or the Coalinga City Clerk at 559-935-1533, extension 113, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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