

ORDINANCE NO. 1670

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA,  
REPEALING SECTION 2.04.050 OF THE CODE OF  
THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE RELATING TO CITY  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS BEING GOVERNED  
UNDER "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER"

WHEREAS, Section 2.04.050 of the Code of the City of San Clemente currently provides that the proceedings of the City Council shall be governed under "Robert's Rules of Order"; and

WHEREAS, "Robert's Rules of Order" embody a complex and formalistic set of rules that were initially created in 1876 to maintain order in deliberative assemblies, including large congregations, such as a meeting of Congress, and that are sometimes inconsistent with State law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Clemente, California, desires to discontinue its use of "Robert's Rules of Order" and to replace such rules with "Rosenberg's Rules of Order" because of their simplicity and practical application to smaller assemblies, such as a meeting of a five-member city council; and

WHEREAS, the Code of the City of San Clemente currently provides that proceedings of the City Council shall be governed under "Robert's Rules of Order", even though it is not necessary to reference the City's authority for parliamentary procedures within the Code; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Council of the City of San Clemente to repeal Section 2.04.050, relating to Proceedings Governed by Robert's Rules of Order, prior to adopting "Rosenberg's Rules of Order" as an operational guideline and a Council Policy and Procedure.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Clemente, California, hereby ordains as follows:

**Section 1:** Section 2.04.050 of the Code of the City of San Clemente, set forth below for reference, is hereby repealed in its entirety:

"2.04.050 - Proceedings governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

The proceedings of the City Council shall be governed under "Robert's Rules of Order," on all matters pertaining to parliamentary law, but no ordinance, resolution, proceeding or other action of the City Council shall be invalidated or the legality thereof otherwise affected by the failure or omission to observe or follow such rules."

**Section 2:** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law, and the same shall take effect as provided by law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2019.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk of the City of  
San Clemente, California

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Mayor of the City of San  
Clemente, California

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE        ) ss.  
CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE     )

I, Joanne Baade, City Clerk of the City of San Clemente, California, hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1670 having been regularly introduced at the meeting of February 19, 2019, was again introduced, the reading in full thereof unanimously waived, and duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 5th day of March, 2019, and said ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Clemente, California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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CITY CLERK of the City of  
San Clemente, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

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