

## CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# Section 16

### **1. Original Charter section approved by voters April 7, 1931**

Section 16. INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS. Ordinances shall be introduced in the Council only in written or printed form. All ordinances, except the annual ordinances making appropriations and ordinances codifying or re-arranging existing ordinances, shall be confined to one subject, and the subject, or subjects, of all ordinances shall be clearly expressed in the title. No ordinance shall be passed until it has been read on two separate calendar days of the Council, unless the requirements of the reading of it on two separate calendar days be dispensed with by a vote of not less than five members of the Council. The final reading of each ordinance shall be in full unless a written or printed copy thereof shall have been furnished to each member of the Council prior to such reading. The yeas and nays shall be taken upon the passage of all ordinances and entered upon the journal of the proceedings of the Council. The yeas and nays shall be taken and entered upon the passage of all resolutions receiving a split vote, or upon the request of two or more members of the Council. The enacting clause of ordinances passed by the Council shall be, "Be it ordained by the Council of The City of San Diego." The enacting clause of ordinances submitted by the initiative shall be "Be it ordained by the people of The City of San Diego."

### **2. Amendment voted 03-10-1953; effective 04-20-1953**

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**3. Amendment voted 09-17-1963; effective 02-11-1964**

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**4. Amendment voted 11-04-1969; effective 01-29-1970**

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passage. Each ordinance shall be read in full prior to the final passage of such ordinance, unless such reading shall be dispensed with by a vote of not less than a majority of the members elected to the Council, and not then unless there shall have been available for the consideration of each member of the Council and the public prior to the day of its final passage a written or printed copy of said ordinance. The yeas and nays shall be taken upon the passage of all ordinances and entered upon the journal of the proceedings of the Council. The yeas and nays shall be taken and entered upon the passage of all resolutions receiving a split vote, or upon the request of two or more members of the Council. The enacting clause of ordinances passed by the Council shall be "Be it ordained by the Council of The City of San Diego." The enacting clause of ordinances submitted by the initiative shall be "Be it ordained by the people of The City of San Diego."

**5. Amendment voted 11-04-1975; effective 12-01-1975**

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*(Section 16 was superseded by sections 275, 280, 285 and 290 from 01-01-2006 through 07-30-2010.)*

***Repealed 06-08-2010; effective 07-30-2010; see sections 275, 280, 285 and 290.***