

**City Council Approved Policy 2010-01**  
**Subject Matter: Mayoral Rotation**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide a rotational basis by which the Mayor and Vice Mayor are selected.

This Policy shall be consistent with the City Charter and other applicable laws.

**CITY CHARTER PROVISIONS**

Section 606 of the City Charter states:

Immediately following the certification of election results for any general or special municipal election at which Council Members are elected and at the second meeting in April in odd numbered years, the City Council shall elect one of its members as its presiding officer, who shall have the title of Mayor and one of its members as Vice Mayor. Both shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council.

The Mayor shall have a voice and a vote in all City Council proceedings, shall be the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter or as may be imposed by the City Council consistent with the office of Mayor. The Vice Mayor shall perform the duties of the Mayor during the absence or incapacity of the Mayor.

A Council Member who has held the office of Mayor or Vice Mayor for one year shall not be eligible for reelection to that same office until one year has elapsed.

This Policy is established in accordance with this City Charter provision. As provided in the Charter, the election of Mayor and Vice Mayor is at the pleasure of the majority of the City Council. Where there may be conflicts between the Charter and this Policy, the Charter shall prevail.

**MAYORAL ROTATION**

It shall be the Policy of the City Council to provide for an orderly election of the Mayor and Vice Mayor each year. To implement such transition, the following shall be the preferred method of selecting the Mayor and Vice Mayor.

1. The Vice Mayor would rotate annually into the Mayor's seat.
2. The Vice Mayor's seat shall be filled by the most senior member in length of uninterrupted service who has not previously served as Vice Mayor. In case

of ties, then preference will go to the member who received the most votes in the most recent election involving those with equal seniority.

3. If all members have served as Vice Mayor, then the position will be filled by the member who has not served in that role for the longest time.
4. The Vice Mayor shall serve as Redevelopment Agency Chair.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS POLICY**

This policy shall take effect immediately.