

ORDINANCE NO. SCC 2023-03

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SHASTA
ADDING SECTION 2.04.030 TO THE SHASTA COUNTY CODE
ESTABLISHING A TWO TERM LIMIT
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta ordains as follows:

SECTION I.

Section 2.04.030 is added to the Shasta County Code and shall read as follows:

2.04.030 Board of Supervisors Term Limits.

A. Findings and Declarations

1. California Government Code section 25000 provides that the County may prospectively limit the number of terms a Member of the Board of Supervisors may serve after approval by a vote of the people.
2. The Board of Supervisors is authorized and directed by statute to submit an ordinance imposing term limits to the voters.
3. The Board of Supervisors believes it is in the best interests of County residents to establish term limits for members of the Board of Supervisors, and that a maximum of two terms serves the interests of both continuity and experience in office, with the need to encourage the most qualified and talented candidates to run for office.
4. Term limits encourage competitive elections and foster increased citizen participation in seeking elective office.
5. Term limits encourage diversity among the members of the Board of Supervisors.
6. Term limits provide voters with more choices about who will represent them.
7. The purpose of lifetime term limits is to promote a free and democratic system of fair elections, and to encourage qualified candidates to seek public office by limiting the powers of incumbency.
8. Term limits encourage members to maximize their time in office to accomplish their goals and policies during their limited term of office.

B. Term Limits Established

1. No person shall serve more than two terms as a member of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors. This provision shall apply prospectively only, so that any Supervisor commencing a term of office after January 1, 2025, may serve up to two terms from and after that date.
2. Any candidate who has served, or is currently serving a term as a member of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors, shall serve no more than two additional terms as a member of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors. This provision shall apply prospectively only, so that any Supervisor described in this subdivision, commencing a term of office after January 1, 2025, may serve up to two terms from and after that date.
3. Any person who is elected or appointed to an unexpired term as a Supervisor after January 1, 2025, and who serves more than one-half of a full term of office shall be deemed, for purposes of this section, to have served a full term.
4. Any Supervisor who resigns or is removed from office with less than one-half of a full term remaining until the expiration of the term shall be deemed, for purposes of this section, to have served a full term.

C. Effective and Operative Dates

1. This section shall take effect on March 5, 2024, after certification of the vote, if the measure is approved by a majority of the electors voting on the measure at the election held that day. This section shall then be operative on January 1, 2025.

SECTION II.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or provisions be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION III.

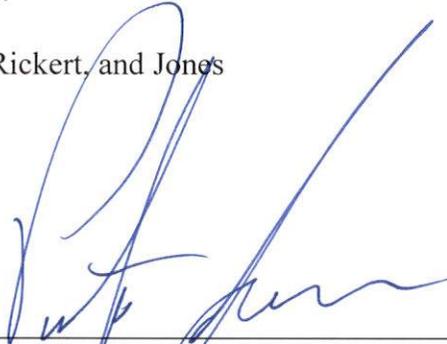
All former ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby superseded by the Ordinance. The adoption of this ordinance shall not in any manner affect any action or prosecution for violation of ordinances, which violations were committed prior to the effective date hereof, be construed as a waiver of any license, fee, or penalty required by or resulting from any such ordinance, or affect the validity of any bond (or cash deposit in lieu thereof) required to be posted, filed, or deposited pursuant to such ordinance.

SECTION IV.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect on March 5, 2024, after certification of the vote, if the measure is approved by a majority of the electors voting on the measure at the election held that day. This ordinance shall then be operative on January 1, 2025. The Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published as required by law.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2023, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Kelstrom, Crye, Garman, Rickert, and Jones
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSE: None



PATRICK JONES, CHAIR
Board of Supervisors
County of Shasta
State of California

ATTEST:

MARY WILLIAMS
Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:  _____
Deputy