



SECTION 1.33 ANNUAL SELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

PURPOSE

This policy describes the preferred method for the City Council to follow when selecting the Mayor and Vice Mayor for the following years term. Council believes that having some predictability of this process is beneficial to City operations and to the residents of Campbell.

POLICY SCOPE

Every year in December, the City Council holds a reorganization meeting where newly elected Councilmembers are sworn in and the selection of the next calendar year's Mayor and Vice Mayor takes place. The Mayor and Vice Mayor serve for one calendar year. Although the Vice Mayor position is a natural ascendancy to Mayor, and Council believes that experience as a Vice Mayor will serve to help acclimate themselves to the job, tasks, and roles prior to assuming the Mayorship role, the appointment is not automatic. The Mayor and Vice Mayor are peers of and serve at the pleasure of the other Councilmembers.

Except as otherwise determined by a majority vote of the Council, the Council will select a Mayor and Vice Mayor on a numerical basis by District number, as reflected in the chart below for calendar years 2023 – 2027, thereafter this cycle shall repeat in the same order.

Calendar Year	Mayor	Vice Mayor
2023	District 5	District 1
2024	District 1	District 2
2025	District 2	District 3
2026	District 3	District 4
2027	District 4	District 5

The City Council believes it is in the City's best interest that all Councilmembers have at least one year of experience serving as a Councilmember prior to being voted to serve as Mayor. To that end, a one-time allowance can be made for going outside of this rotational schedule to allow a newly elected Councilmember the time to acclimate to the role prior to serving as Mayor. Following that one-time allowance, the rotational schedule will go back to its original order.

An experienced Councilmember may choose to decline to serve as Mayor or Vice Mayor. In this case, the office would pass to the next Councilmember in the rotation. The Councilmember who declined would move to their next natural place in the numerical order.

This process will remain in effect until modified by a subsequent City Council.

The City Clerk shall keep a list outlining the suggested rotational sequence and update it annually following the reorganization meeting.