

Overview of Council Policy

Municipal and Regulatory Policies: Guide various functions of the City and, where necessary, establish procedures by which functions are performed - are established by the City Council, adopted by ordinance and included in the Municipal Code.

Policy Statements: By their nature do not require adoption by ordinance - are adopted by resolution of the City Council and are consolidated in the "Council Policy Manual".

Why adopt a policy by resolution rather than an ordinance?

Ordinances are generally not as flexible to changing conditions, as they take longer to modify.

The intent of adopting policy statements is to have such procedures and guidelines in place when it becomes necessary to use them so that the decisions are consistent, that things are not overlooked, and to let the decision makers and the public know Council's policies.

At its August 4, 1987 meeting, the Redding City Council approved the recommendation that a Council Policy Manual be established covering Council policies that are not codified and adopted Resolution No. 87-261 establishing and adopting procedures for the preparation, distribution and maintenance of Council policies and a "Council Policy Manual."

Pursuant to the Council Policy Manual procedures, the City Clerk is responsible for the preparation, continuing maintenance, and distribution of the "Council Policy Manual," and additions or deletions thereto.

Attached is a Flow Chart depicting the procedures for establishing Council policies:

Procedures Flowchart for Establishing Council Policies

