

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-89

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA,
CALLING FOR A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 3, 2026 AND SUBMITTING TO THE MCFARLAND ELECTORATE AN
INITIATIVE ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING
OPERATIONS IN THE CITY OF MCFARLAND**

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2026, the proponents of a proposed initiative measure entitled "Authorization of Existing and Prohibition of New Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations" submitted a petition to the City Clerk requesting that the measure be placed before the voters of the City of McFarland; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Elections Code section 9210, the City Clerk transmitted the petition to the Kern County Elections Division for examination and verification of the signatures appearing thereon; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2026, the Kern County Elections Division certified that the petition contained 632 valid signatures, exceeding the 524 valid signatures required to qualify the initiative petition; and

WHEREAS, the initiative petition has therefore been determined to be sufficient pursuant to California Elections Code section 9210; and

WHEREAS, following certification of the petition's sufficiency, the City Council is authorized pursuant to California Elections Code section 9215 to submit the initiative measure to the qualified voters of the City of McFarland at a municipal election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has elected to submit the initiative measure to the qualified voters of the City of McFarland at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, which will be consolidated with the statewide election conducted by the Kern County Elections Division ; and

WHEREAS, certain actions are required in connection with the conduct of the election and the submission of the initiative measure to the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of McFarland that it hereby resolve, declare, determine and order as follows:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to general law cities, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of McFarland, California, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, a General Municipal Election for the purpose of submitting the following proposed initiative measure:

CITY OF MCFARLAND INITIATIVE ORDINANCE	
Shall the measure to allow the continued operation of the existing dairy in the City of McFarland be adopted?	Yes
	No

SECTION 2. The full text of the ordinance submitted to the voters is attached as Exhibit ‘A’ and incorporated by reference.

SECTION 3. The City Council will request that the Kern County Clerk/Registrar of Voters include on the ballots and sample the ballots the Measure enumerated above to be voted on by the voters of the qualified electors of the City of McFarland.

SECTION 4. The City Council will also request that the Kern County Clerk/Registrar of Voters that the full text of the proposed measure and the City Attorney’s analysis will be printed in Voter Information Pamphlet mailed to all voters in the City of McFarland.

SECTION 5. Passage of this measure requires a majority (50% plus 1) of votes cast at the election for passage.

SECTION 6. The City Council requests that the Kern County Clerk/Registrar of Voters conduct the election and canvass the returns, and the City consents to reimburse the Registrar of Voters for all costs incurred by said services.

SECTION 7. In all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 8. Arguments in favor or against the proposed measure are permissible and shall be filed with the Kern County Clerk/Registrar in accordance with Elections Code Section 9282.

SECTION 9. The City Manager and City Clerk are authorized to provide input to the Kern County Clerk/Registrar in determining a letter designation for this measure.

SECTION 10. The Kern County Clerk/Registrar of Voters shall give the appropriate notices for the election and shall conduct the election pursuant to appropriate provisions of the Election Code.

SECTION 11. The City of McFarland acknowledges the Kern County Clerk/Registrar may conduct the election in accordance with Elections Code 10418.

SECTION 12. The City Clerk shall file a certified copy of this resolution with the Kern County Clerk/Registrar of Voters as required by applicable law. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to work with the Kern County Clerk/Registrar of Voters and take all steps necessary to cause placement of the Measure on the ballot.

SECTION 13. The City Clerk and City Attorney are authorized to make any typographical, clerical, non-substantive corrections to this resolution as may be deemed necessary by the Kern County Clerk/Registrar of Voters.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of McFarland on July 22, 2026 by the following vote:

	Aye	Nae	Abstain	Absent
Saul Ayon	✓			
Ricardo Cano	✓			
Anita Gonzalez	✓			
María T. Pérez	✓			
Martin Gutierrez	✓			

CITY OF MCFARLAND

Saul Ayon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erika De La Cruz, City Clerk

I, _____, City Clerk of the City of McFarland, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of McFarland on the date and by the vote indicated herein.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nathan Hodges, City Attorney



