

ORDINANCE NO. 553.1

AN URGENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE EXTENDING ORDINANCE NO. 553 GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (FORMERLY HELD BY PACIFIC LIGHTING SERVICE COMPANY)

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, ordains as follows:

Section 1. This urgent ordinance amendment extends Ordinance No. 553 as follows:

“This franchise is now held by the Southern California Gas Company (“SCGC”).

The 40-year franchise term stated in Section 1, which expired on or about August 19, 2015, shall be extended through January 12, 2016. The franchise shall be deemed to have been in continuous effect from its initial adoption through January 12, 2016.

Representatives of the County of Riverside (“County”) and SCGC have been working to discuss and resolve issues involved in granting a new franchise to SCGC; but more time is needed to complete the process. Therefore, it is necessary to extend the current franchise through January 12, 2016 to assure SCGC continues to operate under the terms of this ordinance.

In order to complete final negotiations and obtain County Board of Supervisors approval no later than January 12, 2016, County and SCGC representatives shall meet on at least a monthly basis at the County Administrative Center until the final new franchise agreement is drafted and fully agreed upon by the representatives.”

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors finds that this ordinance amendment is urgently needed for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety; namely, the need for the SCGC franchise and related necessary service to citizens and businesses to continue in effect until the new franchise agreement is approved.

Section 3. All other terms of Ordinance No. 553 shall remain unchanged and in effect.

Section 4. This ordinance amendment is hereby declared to be an urgency measure and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED: 09/01/15 (Effective Immediately)