

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM VOTE ON A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT DURING THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON MARCH 15, 2022; PROVIDING FOR BALLOT LANGUAGE; PROVIDING FOR ELECTORAL PROCEDURES; PROVIDIN RABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2021, the Town Commission adopted Resolution 2021-39 calling for a regular municipal election to take place on March 15, 2022;

WHEREAS, in addition to the anticipated vacancies on the Town Commission, the Town Commission desires to submit a proposed charter amendment for consideration by the Town's qualified electors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA:

Section 1. An election shall be held in the Town of Belleair, Florida, on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, in conjunction with the general municipal election, for the purpose of submitting to the Town electors a referendum question on a proposed amendment to the Town of Belleair, Florida, Charter. The ballot title and substance of the proposed charter amendment shall be as follows:

AMENDING REQUIREMENTS TO ABOLISH MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS AND SPECIFYING PROCESS TO ABOLISH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Shall the Town amend Section 2.07 (f) of the Charter to require a unanimous vote to abolish a municipal department provided for in the charter, as otherwise required by statute, and require abolition of the police department only by the unanimous adoption of an ordinance, the passage of which would be subject to referendum per Section 8.01(b) of the Town's Charter?

_____ YES APPROVING

_____ NO DISAPPROVING

Section 2. Said election shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Town of Belleair's Charter and ordinances passed thereunder and the general election laws of the State of Florida pertaining to municipal elections.

Section 3. The Pinellas County Canvassing Board is hereby designated as the Town of Belleair's Canvassing Board.

Section 4. After the inspectors and clerk of the election have completed their duties, it shall be the duty of Pinellas County Canvassing Board to canvass the votes for the election as shown by the returns; and certify and count the absentee ballots; and in no case, shall the Canvassing Board change or vary in any way the number of votes cast for the candidates, as shown by the returns of the inspectors and clerk of the election.

Section 5. In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution shall be declared unconstitutional or unenforceable by a valid judgement or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this ordinance.

Section 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair, Florida, this 7th day of **DECEMBER, A.D., 2021.**

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk