



Legislation Text

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Summary

To: Mayor and Commissioners
From: Christine Nicole
Date: 7/9/2021

Subject:

First Reading of Ordinance 535 -Charter Amendment Pertaining to Town Elections

Summary:

The Town Charter requires our elections to be held on the second Tuesday of March in a given election year. The Supervisor of Elections holds the municipal elections countywide on the Tuesday, following the second Monday of the month. Based on their schedule, this upcoming election would fall on the third Tuesday of the month, thus conflicting with our charter.

In order to correct this issue now and to provide flexibility for the future, staff recommends an amendment to the Charter to allow for the election date to be set each year to be concurrent with the fluctuating date of the municipal elections established by the Pinellas County Supervisor of Election. Florida Statutes subsection 100.3605(2) authorizes the Town Commission to change the dates for the election of members to the Town Commission and to provide for the orderly transition of office resulting from such date change.

Previous Commission Action: N/A

Background/Problem Discussion: N/A

Expenditure Challenges N/A

Financial Implications: N/A

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval

Proposed Motion I move approval of Ordinance 535 on first reading.