

**TOWN OF BELLEAIR
ORDINANCE NO. 598**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA
SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR A
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 10.01 OF THE
TOWN CHARTER TO AMEND THE MONTH THE CHARTER REVIEW
COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM;
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Section 10.01 of the Belleair Town Charter requires the establishment of a Charter Review Committee during the month of June every ten years with an expressed purpose to review the operations of Town government in order to recommend amendments to the Town Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners appointed a Charter Review Committee in June 2026 which has completed a comprehensive review of Town government and provided the Mayor and Commissioners with recommended charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners agree with the Charter Review Committee's recommendation to amend Section 10.01 of the Belleair Charter to require the Commission to establish the Town's Charter Review Committee within or before the month of May instead of June to provide the Charter Review Commission sufficient time to perform its duties and provide the Town with the time necessary to meet Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections deadlines allowing proposing amendments to be on the ballot for the general election the following November; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission has reviewed such recommendations and has determined this Ordinance amending the Town Charter to be in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the Town of Belleair.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 10.01 of the Belleair Town Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10.01. Composition.

Every ten (10) years ~~within or before~~ during the month of ~~May~~ June, there shall be established a charter review committee of not less than five (5) members. The members of the committee shall be appointed by the town commission and shall be electors of the town at the time of appointment and throughout the term of their office. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

Section 2. The Town Commission shall separately adopt a Resolution setting forth the proposed ballot statement and ballot summary in a manner that conforms with applicable state law.

Section 3. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to notify the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections that the referendum item provided in this Ordinance and the corresponding Resolution shall be considered on the same ballot as the election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be published in accordance with the law.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption. The referendum measure shall take effect only upon the approval of a majority of the Town electors voting at the referendum election voting on this issue.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING by the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair, Florida, at the meeting held on the 14th day of July, 2026.

PUBLISHED THE 15th day of July, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING this 28th day of July, 2026.

Michael Wilkinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Nicole, CPM, CMC, Town Clerk