

**TOWN OF BELLEAIR  
ORDINANCE NO. 597**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA  
SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, A  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 5.04 OF THE  
TOWN CHARTER TO REMOVE THE PROVISION; 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 Town Commission has reviewed such recommendations and has determined this Ordinance amending the City 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 5.04 of the Belleair Town Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 5.04. Reserved.**

**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 7, 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 \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2026.

**PUBLISHED THE** \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2026.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Michael Wilkinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christine Nicole, CPM, CMC, Town Clerk