

**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 REQUIRING THE
COMMISSION TO APPOINTMENT THE PLANNING AND ZONING
BOARD; 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 that Section 5.04 of the Belleair Charter be removed as it is the only board required by the Town Charter and the language is redundant and unnecessary because Section 163.3174, Florida Statutes, requires the Town to appoint a local planning agency; 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 5.04 of the Belleair Town Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.04. ~~Reserved~~Planning and zoning board.

~~The town commission shall appoint by resolution a planning and zoning board whose members shall serve at the pleasure of the commission.~~

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, 2026.

Michael Wilkinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Nicole, CPM, CMC, Town Clerk