

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE; AMENDING SECTION 10.03 THEREOF PERTAINING TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 10.03 of the Seminole City Charter requires the establishment of a Charter Review Committee during the month of January, 1999 and each five years thereafter with an expressed purpose to review the operations of City government in order to recommend amendments to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council appointed a Charter Review Committee which has completed a comprehensive review of City government and provided the Mayor and Council with recommended charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council 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 City of Seminole;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 10.03 of the Charter of Seminole, pertaining to the Charter Review Committee, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 10.03. - Charter Review Committee.

- (a) During the month of January, 1999, and each five years thereafter, there shall be established a Charter Review Committee composed of seven members who shall serve until the ballot language deadline date to the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Office for the next regularly scheduled election. Every effort shall be made to appoint one member who has served during the previous Charter Review Committee. The members shall be appointed by the City Council. At a business meeting prior to the appointment of members to the Committee, a Council shall establish by resolution the process by which members are appointed. Members shall be residents of the City of Seminole.

Vacancies may be filled within 30 days in the same manner as the original appointments.

- (b) The Charter Review Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from among its membership. Further meetings of the Committee shall be held upon the call of the Chair or any three members of the Committee. All meetings shall be opened to the public. A majority of the members of the Charter Review Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Committee may adopt other rules for its operations and proceedings as it deems desirable. The members of the Committee shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses pursuant to law.
- (c) Expenses of the Charter Review Committee shall be verified by a majority vote of the Committee and forwarded to the City Council for payment. The City Council shall provide space, secretarial, staff and legal assistance.
- (d) The Charter Review Committee shall review the operations of City government, meet with the Mayor and City Council, city management, and conduct no less than one public hearing in order to recommend amendments to this Charter, if any.
- (e) Charter amendments proposed by the Charter Review Committee, shall be reviewed by the City Council. The City Council may submit the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Committee, to referendum on or before the next regularly scheduled municipal election.

Section 2. If a majority of the electors of the City of Seminole actually voting on such question in such referendum shall vote for the approval of the revised Charter, then this Ordinance shall become operative and effective on 12:01 a.m. on the 6th day of November, 2019; if a majority of such electors actually voting on such question at such referendum shall vote against the approval of the Charter amendment, then this Ordinance shall not become effective and shall be of no further force and effect.

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Ann Marie Marcuso

City Clerk

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Leslie Waters
Leslie Waters, Mayor

