

ORDINANCE NO. 604

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 2-191(a), 2-191(b) AND 2-193 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES LANGUAGE REGARDING THE APPLICABILITY OF STATE LAW GENERALLY; REMOVE THE EXEMPTION OF THE TOWN FROM UNIFORM FILING DATES AND ELECTION DATES; CONFORM THE QUALIFYING TIME FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF TOWN COMMISSIONER TO THE TIME PROVIDED FOR IN LAWS OF FLORIDA CHAPTER 83-498; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Ridge Code of Ordinances, Article V, Section 2-191(b) exempts the Town from the uniform filing dates and election dates found in the provisions of Laws of Florida, Chapter 83-498; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Ridge Code of Ordinances, Article V, Section 2-193 sets forth the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Town Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission has determined that there would be no adverse impact on either candidates for the position of Town Commissioner or the voters and residents of the Town in conforming the filing date for candidates for Town Commission to the dates provided for in the Laws of Florida Chapter 83-498, as they may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission has determined that the enactment of this ordinance is for a proper municipal purpose and in the best interests of the voters and residents of the Town.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The WHEREAS clauses set forth above are adopted herein as findings of fact.

Section 2. Amendment. Article V, Section 2-191(a) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

(a) *Generally.* Unless otherwise provided in this Code and other ordinances of the town, all elections in the town shall be controlled, held and conducted, as far as practicable, according to the provisions of the laws of the state governing general state elections, F.S. chs. 97-106, as they may be amended from time to time.

Section 3. Repeal of Sec. 2-191(b). Article V, Section 2-191(b) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 4. Amendment. Article V, Section 2-193, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 2-193. Filing date for candidates for town commission. Each candidate for the office of town commissioner shall qualify as a candidate with the town clerk by filing his or her name and address by the dates provided for in the provisions of the Laws of Fla. ch. 83-498, as they may be amended from time to time.

Section 5. Severability. In the event any section, paragraph, sub-paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section 6. Repeal of Ordinances. Any ordinance in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict, is hereby repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

FIRST READING this 4th day of November, 2013.

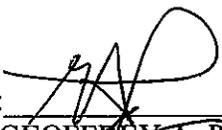
SECOND AND FINAL READING this 9th day of December, 2013.

Commissioner Allison offered the foregoing Ordinance and its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aaskov and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

GEOFFREY A. PUGH, Mayor	<u>Yea</u>
DR. LYNN L. ALLISON, Vice Mayor	<u>Yea</u>
GAIL ADAMS AASKOV, Commissioner	<u>Yea</u>
ED BROOKES, Commissioner	<u>Yea</u>
ZOANNE HENNIGAN, Commissioner	<u>Yea</u>

The Mayor thereupon declared this Ordinance approved and adopted by the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, on second reading, this 9th day of Dec., 2013.

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA

BY: 

GEOFFREY A. PUGH, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

TOWN CLERK

