

ORDINANCE NO. 626

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE V, "ELECTIONS", SECTION 2-193, "FILING DATE FOR CANDIDATES FOR TOWN COMMISSION" TO CHANGE THE QUALIFYING PERIOD TO BETTER ALLOW FOR ABSENTEE VOTING; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida (the "Town") is a duly constituted municipality having such power and authority conferred upon it by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission wishes to change the qualifying period in order to allow the Supervisor of Elections a more appropriate time frame in order to mail and receive absentee ballots; 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 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: Chapter 2 "Administration", Article V "Elections", Section 2-193, "Filing date for candidates for town commission", is hereby amended 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, as well as all other requirements set forth by state law, beginning on the first Monday in December and ending on the second Friday in December ~~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 3 - Codification: The ordinance shall be codified in the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida.

SECTION 4 - Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances: All Ordinances, Resolutions or parts of Ordinances and Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5 - Severability: If any word, clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof contained in this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional, unenforceable, void or inoperative by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6 - Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

FIRST READING this 19th day of September, 2017.

SECOND AND FINAL READING this 2nd day of October, 2017.

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

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| GEOFFREY A. PUGH, Mayor | <u>Yea</u> |
| JAMES A. BONFIGLIO, Vice Mayor | <u>Yea</u> |
| GAIL ADAMS AASKOV, Commissioner | <u>Yea</u> |
| STEVE COZ, Commissioner | <u>Yea</u> |
| DON MAGRUDER, 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 2nd day of October, 2017.

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA

BY: 
Geoffrey A. Pugh, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Tracey L. Stevens, Town Clerk

