

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 386

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA, AS ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA BY SPECIAL ACT; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SUBPART A, OF SAID CHARTER; THEREBY CHANGING THE VOTING METHOD FROM A PLURALITY REQUIREMENT TO A MAJORITY REQUIREMENT IN ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM TO PLACE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT CONTAINED IN THE ORDINANCE TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 1999; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND CHARTER PROVISIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HERewith TO THE EXTENT OF SAID CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article VIII of the 1968 Constitution of the State of Florida grants to municipalities governmental, corporate and proprietary powers; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 166 of the Florida Statutes, the Municipal Home Rule Powers Act, provides a method whereby municipalities may amend their charters; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Springfield, Florida, after due deliberation, has determined that a referendum be had on the following proposed amendment to the charter of the City of Springfield, Florida, changing the voting method from a plurality requirement to a majority requirement in elections as being in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Springfield, Florida;

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD:

1. SECTION 12 shall be amended to read:

(3) At all elections the candidate qualifying for that seat receiving a majority of votes cast for that seat shall be deemed elected. In case two or more persons receive an equal and highest number of votes for the same office, such persons shall draw lots to determine who shall be elected to the office.

When two or more persons qualify for a seat and none receive a majority of the votes cast for that seat the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall face each other in a runoff election to be held within twenty (20) days and the person receiving the highest number of votes at said runoff election shall be declared elected. The canvass of returns of said runoff election shall be held as provided for general elections and the terms of office shall begin as described by law.

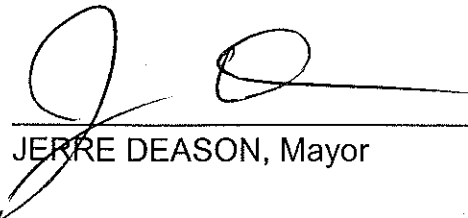
2. Any provisions of the charter not specifically amended by this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

4. The charter as amended shall take effect immediately upon adoption by a majority of the electors voting in the referendum upon such amendment.

5. All ordinances and charter provisions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED in regular session of the City Commission of the City of Springfield, Florida, on the 1st day of February, 1999.



JERRE DEASON, Mayor

ATTEST:


CHARLES A. YAUTZ, City Clerk

First Reading: 01/04/99
Second Reading: 02/01/99
Date Published: 01/07/99

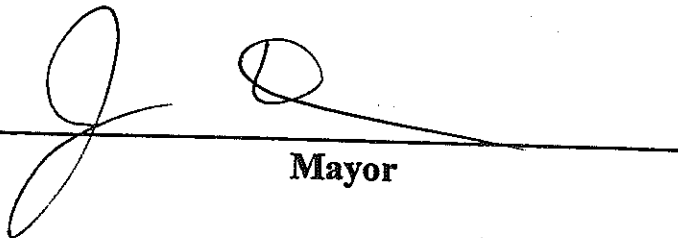
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Special Referendum
CHANGE VOTING METHOD

Do you favor changing the voting method from electing the person who gets the highest number of votes to win to a method where a person is required to receive Fifty Percent (50%) plus one (1) to Win?

YES FOR APPROVAL 247 votes

NO FOR REJECTION 445 votes



Mayor



City Commissioner



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Total votes cast in Springfield, Florida was 779 for a 15.94 percent turnout.