

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD  
BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
ORDINANCE NO. 429

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA, AS ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA BY SPECIAL ACT; INCREASING THE LENGTH OF ELECTIVE OFFICE FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS FOR THE MAYOR AND EACH CITY COMMISSIONER; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM AND BALLOT LANGUAGE; PROVIDING 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, 2004; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY CONFLICTS AND EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Article VIII of the 1968 Constitution of the State of Florida grants to municipalities all governmental, corporate and proprietary powers to enable them to conduct municipal services, and to exercise any power for municipal purposes except as otherwise provided by law; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 166.031 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 and study, has determined that the referendum on the following proposed charter amendment for the City of Springfield, Florida, is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Springfield, Florida;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the City Commission of the City of Springfield, Florida:

1. Section 12 of the Charter of the City of Springfield, Florida, shall be amended to read:

2. Beginning with the election in April 2005, and thereafter, the Mayor and City Commissioners shall be elected and serve for terms of office of four (4) years and until their successor is duly elected and qualified.

In order to accomplish the election cycle of elections to be held every other year, the City Commissioners elected in April 2004 shall serve terms of three (3) years and then following the election in April 2007 they will start their four (4) year terms.

3. The ballot in such referendum shall be substantially in the following form:

**DO YOU APPROVE CHANGING THE TERMS OF OFFICE  
FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS FROM TWO  
(2) YEARS TO FOUR (4) YEARS?**

**(Vote for one)**

**YES FOR APPROVAL**

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**NO FOR REJECTION**

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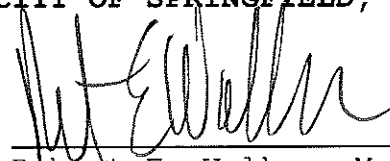
4. The City Commission shall enact any ordinance or resolution necessary to implement the charter amendment. Any ordinance in conflict herewith is repealed to the extent of such conflict. Any provisions not specifically amended by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

5. This Ordinance shall become effective upon final passage, the charter amendment shall take effect immediately upon the adoption by a majority of the electors voting in the referendum upon such amendment.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** in Official Session of the City Commission of the City of Springfield, Bay County, Florida, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2004.


**CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA**

By



Robert E. Walker, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Rhonda J. Taylor, City Clerk

First Reading: February 2, 2004

Second Reading: March 1, 2004

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