

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION #97-15

A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A MAIL BALLOT REFERENDUM ELECTION CONCERNING A PROPOSED CITY CHARTER DESCRIBING THE PRESENT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY COMMISSION TO APPOINT A CITY MANAGER BY ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS AND ELECTION OF THE CITY COMMISSIONERS, TERMS AND FILLING OF VACANCIES; PROVIDING A METHOD TO AMEND THE CIVIL SERVICE BY ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION OF SUCH ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CHARTER REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PROVISIONS OF THE FORMER CHARTER, LAWS OF FLORIDA, 27900 (1951), AS AMENDED, THAT ARE IN CONFLICT WITH THE NEW CHARTER PRESENTED HEREIN AND CONVERTING ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN THE FORMER CHARTER TO ORDINANCES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE NEW CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM; PROVIDING THE BALLOT LANGUAGE AND SUCH REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY CONFLICTS; ADOPTING AN ELECTION SCHEDULE; SPECIFYING LOCATION AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE MAIL BALLOTS; SPECIFYING BALLOT SECURITY; ADOPTING ELECTION GUIDELINES FROM SECTIONS 101.6102 AND 101.6103 FLORIDA STATUTES AND RULE 1S-2.22, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; SPECIFYING THAT THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD SHALL BEAR ELECTION COSTS AND SPECIFYING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield Commission has approved a City Charter to be presented to the citizens of Springfield for consideration which amends the existing Charter which was adopted in 1951, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to obtain the highest number of citizen votes possible and therefore has decided to distribute mail ballots pursuant to Sections 101.6102 and 101.6103, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission intends to distribute ballots, canvass the votes and certify the results prior to the qualifying period of the next regular City election so that the proposed Charter, if approved, will be in effect. Now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of Springfield, Florida:

1. A mail ballot election pursuant to Sections 101.6102 and 101.6103, Florida Statutes is hereby declared for the purpose of having the citizens of the City of Springfield, Florida, consider for approval or disapproval the proposed Springfield City Charter which is attached as Exhibit 1 and made a part hereof.

2. The election schedule is hereby adopted subject to the approval of the Bay County Supervisor of Elections and the Florida Secretary of State. The election date is scheduled for November 18, 1997. A copy of the election schedule is attached as Exhibit 2 and made a part hereof. If requested by the Supervisor of Elections or the Secretary of State, the deadlines prior to the election date may be amended by the City Clerk. In the event the election date must be rescheduled based upon recommendations of the Supervisor of Elections or the Secretary of State, the City Clerk shall seek the vote of the City Commission concerning a new date.

3. The Ballot Title and the Ballot contents shall be as follows:

BALLOT TITLE: PROPOSED SPRINGFIELD CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

BALLOT:

SHALL THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY COMMISSION TO APPOINT A CITY MANAGER BY ORDINANCE; INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS TO FOUR YEARS; BE ADOPTED?

MAY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA, AMEND THE CIVIL SERVICE PROVISIONS BY ORDINANCE?

4. The election shall be conducted pursuant to the requirements of Sections 101.6102 and 101.6103, Florida Statutes and Rule 1S-2.022, Florida Administrative Code.

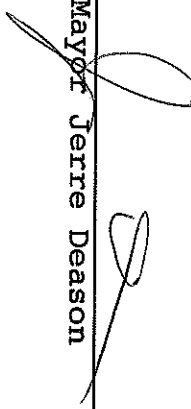
5. The mail ballots shall be deposited and received only at the Bay County Supervisor of Elections office. Ballot security shall be conducted pursuant to Rule 1S-2.0122(10), Florida Administrative Code. Access to the ballots shall be limited to the Supervisor of Elections, the canvassing board, and those designated by the Supervisor of Elections. Voted ballots shall be kept unopened in the Supervisor's office until the canvassing board canvasses the vote.

6. The City of Springfield shall bear the costs of the referendum election.


7. This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, in regular session with a quorum present and voting, by the Springfield City Commission, this 6th day of October, 1997.

City Commission
Springfield, Florida


Mayor Jerre Deason

ATTEST:


Charles A. Yautz, City Clerk