

ORDINANCE NO. 16-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 3.02 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR-COMMISSIONER; PROVIDING FOR A CITYWIDE REFERENDUM ELECTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEXT SCHEDULED GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016 FOR THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA SHOULD BE AMENDED TO CHANGE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TO BE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE DISTRICT HE OR SHE SERVES AND THE MAYOR-COMMISSIONER TO BE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE CITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 6.01 of the Charter of the City of Treasure Island provides for the appointment of a Charter Review Committee to review and make recommendations to the City Commission of proposals for charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such charter provisions, the City Commission has appointed a Charter Review Committee, the Charter Review Committee has met and submitted a proposal for amendments to the Charter of the City of Treasure Island to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, one of the proposed amendments by the Charter Review Committee is the clarification that District Commissioners must be qualified electors in the District the Commissioner represents at the time the District Commissioner takes the oath of office and that the Mayor-Commissioner be a qualified elector of the City at the time the Mayor-Commissioner takes the oath of office; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has studied the Charter Review Committee's proposals and the City Commission desires to propose an amendment to the Charter of the City of Treasure Island with such proposed amendment to be submitted to a vote of the electorate by referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Treasure Island, Florida does hereby adopt a proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Treasure Island, Florida by amending Article III, Legislative, by amending Section 3.2 as follows:

Section 3.02 -Qualifications.

Each commissioner shall be a qualified elector of the district in which he or she serves.
The mayor-commissioner shall be a qualified elector of the city. ~~Any qualified elector of the city shall be eligible to hold the office of city commissioner.~~ The commission shall be the judge of the election and qualifications of its members and of the grounds for forfeiture

of their office. A member who is specifically charged with conduct constituting grounds for forfeiture of his office as defined in Section 3.06(b) shall be given written charges and be entitled to public hearing on demand and notice of such hearing shall be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the city at least one week in advance of the hearing.

SECTION 2. In order to determine whether Article III, Section 3.02 of the Charter of the City of Treasure Island, Florida shall be amended as shown in Section 1. above. The following referendum questions shall be presented to the electorate of the City of Treasure Island, Florida on a ballot in conjunction with the general election to be held on November 8, 2016;

Proposed Charter Amendment of Treasure Island, Florida Concerning Qualifications of City Commissioners

Shall Article III, Section 3.02 of the Charter of the City of Treasure Island, Florida pertaining to Qualifications, be amended in accordance with Ordinance No. 16-10 so as to require commissioners to be qualified electors of the district the Commissioner represents and the Mayor-Commissioner to be a qualified elector of the city?

_____ Yes (For the Amendment)

_____ No (Against the Amendment)

SECTION 3. If a majority of the electorate voting in the general election conducted on November 8, 2016 vote "Yes" (For the amendment) then Article III, Section 3.02 of the Charter of the City of Treasure Island, Florida shall be amended as reflected in Section 1. above.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and any amendments to the Charter proposed by this Ordinance and approved by the electorate shall be effective the date after such referendum approving the amendment and certifying of such election.

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ATTEST:

Robert Minning, Mayor

Tiffany Makras, City Clerk

Approved as to form and content:

Jennifer R. Cowan, City Attorney

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