

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER SECTION 3.3, NOMINATION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, SUBPARAGRAPH (A), FILING, TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE BE AN ELECTOR AND A RESIDENT ONE (1) YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THEIR APPLICATION; AND BY PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14.3 of the present Charter of the City of Madeira Beach, the Charter may be amended in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, following a review of the Charter by the Board of Commissioners, it has been deemed desirable that Section 3.3, Nomination of Board of Commissioners, Subparagraph (A), Filing, of the Charter be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 3.3(A) of the Charter of the City of Madeira Beach shall be amended to read as follows:

- (A) *Filing.* Every person who shall desire to become a candidate for nomination under the provisions of this Charter to the office of Mayor and District-Commissioner, shall qualify to become such candidate by filing with the City Clerk during the candidate qualifying period held during the first two full weeks in December, excluding weekends, beginning at Noon on Monday, the first day of the qualifying period and ending at Noon on Friday, the last day of the qualifying period. Under no circumstances shall the City Clerk accept any nomination petitions or filing fees after the close of the filing period as stated herein. Every person's application is to have his/her name printed upon the ballot as a candidate for nomination to the office for which he/she aspires, in which application, he/she shall declare from the district he/she is a candidate or so declare if he/she is a candidate for Mayor. All applications shall be accompanied by an affidavit the candidate is an elector and a resident of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida, for one (1) year immediately prior to the date of said application and has been a resident of said district for which he/she declares himself/herself to be a candidate for a period of six (6) months prior to the date of said application. With said application shall be filed a petition which shall indicate prominently the district from which the Petitioner is a candidate, or if he/she be a candidate for Mayor.

Section 2. **BALLOT QUESTION.** The following measure shall be placed on the Municipal Election Ballot for March 15, 2022, to be voted upon by the qualified electors of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida and this amendment shall become effective immediately upon approval by a majority of the electors voting on this referendum question:

**City of Madeira Beach
No. 1 Charter Amendment**

Elector and Residence Requirement for Candidates Seeking the Office of Mayor or District Commissioner

This charter amendment would amend subparagraph (A) of Section 3.3 of the Charter to provide that candidates seeking the office of Mayor or District Commissioner be an elector and resident of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida, one year prior to the date of said application. Should the Charter be amended?

Yes
No

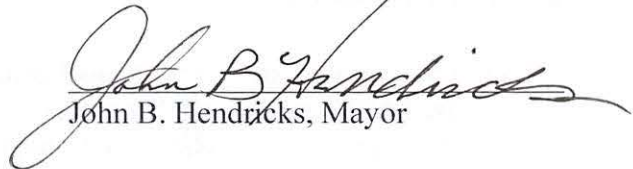
Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption, provided however it shall not be effective until such is approved by the electorate at a referendum election thereon to ratify the terms and conditions of this Ordinance. In the event that any such referendum question shall be defeated, then this Ordinance shall be of no further force and effect.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, THIS 8th day of December, 2021.**

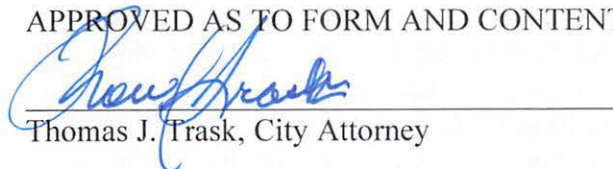


ATTEST:


Clara VanBlargan, City Clerk


John B. Hendricks, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:


Thomas J. Trask, City Attorney

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