

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN PART, AND THEREBY REPLACING, IN PART, ORDINANCE NUMBER 14, SECTION 1, THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE II “CITY COUNCIL”, SECTION 2-21 “COUNCIL DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED” AND REPEALING, IN PART, AND THEREBY REPLACING, IN PART, ORDINANCE 84-2, SECTION 5, THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTER 7 “ELECTIONS”, SECTION 7-3 “SAME – ELECTION RESULTS”; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Freeport, Florida previously adopted Ordinance 14 on December 10, 1968, and Ordinance 84-2 on June 12, 1984, and;

WHEREAS, in Ordinance 14 the City was divided into districts representing the seats of the City Council, and;

WHEREAS, in Ordinance 84-2 the City’s election process was set forth and the manner of determining election results in instances of multiple seats being contested were established, and;

WHEREAS, Home Rule authority as adopted by the Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes, coupled with the adoption and codification of Ordinance 14 and Ordinance 84-2 has established these provisions of City Code as the governing law of the City and are amendable by the ordinance process set forth in Florida Statutes;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Freeport, Florida, that this Ordinance Repealing, In Part, And Thereby Replacing, In Part, Ordinance Number 14, Section 1, Thereby Amending Chapter 2 “Administration”, Article II “City Council”, Section 2-21 “Council Districts Established” And Repealing, In Part, And Thereby Replacing, In Part, Ordinance 84-2, Section 5, Thereby Amending Chapter 7 “Elections”, Section 7-3 “Same Election Results”; Providing For Conflicts And Severability; And Providing An

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Effective Date shall be adopted and accordingly the City Code shall be amended to henceforth read, in pertinent parts, as follows:

Sec. 2-21. Council Districts Established.

The City shall be divided into five (5) districts that shall be numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; all of which shall be elected at-large in accordance with the provisions of the City Code.

Sec. 7-3. - Same—Election results.

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in an election shall be declared the winner of that election.

Conflict and Severability. Should any provision hereof be deemed to be in violation of any law, or in conflict with any law or provision, that provision shall be severed, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be left in full force and effect.

All other provisions of the ordinances referenced herein not expressly amended above shall remain in full force and effect as written and adopted.

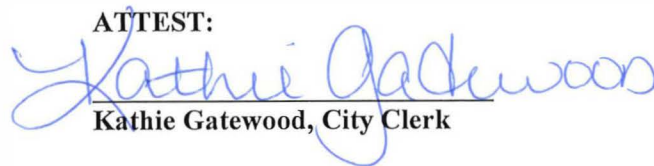
THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION.

Adopted this 8th day of November, 2022.



Russ Barley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathie Gatewood, City Clerk

