

ORDINANCE 2020-28

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GROVELAND, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GROVELAND AUTHORIZING LANGUAGE RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO BE DELETED IN SECTION 3.03 IF APPROPRIATE TO ACCOMMODATE REVISIONS TO THE CHARTER; PROVIDING SPECIFYING REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO ELECTORS; REQUESTING THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE THE BALLOT LANGUAGE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020, GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, currently Sec. 3.03 of the City of Groveland Charter includes references to special elections; however, if the proposed ballot amendments are approved by the voters, then any references to special elections in Sec. 3.03 should be deleted; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groveland has advertised this ordinance no less than 10 days prior to the adoption as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to seek electors approval to amend the City Charter as provided for below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVELAND, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings. In adopting this Ordinance, the City Council of the City of Groveland (the "City Council") hereby makes and expresses the following findings, purposes and intent:

(1) Section 166.031 of Florida Statutes, (2018) provides for the governing body of a municipality to submit to the electors of said municipality a proposed amendment to its charter through referendum. Upon adoption of an amendment by a majority of the electors voting in a referendum upon such amendment, the amendment shall be incorporated into the charter and the revised charter filed with the Department of State.

(2) It is beneficial to remove superfluous reference to special elections if the requirement for a special election is eliminated by the voters.

Section 2. Amendment of the City of Groveland's Charter. The Charter is hereby amended as follows:

Section 3. Referendum Called. The Charter amendment proposed in Section 2. of this Ordinance shall be presented to the City of Groveland electorate at a referendum. The City Council hereby authorizes, directs and requests the supervisor of elections to conduct the referendum, pursuant to applicable Florida law, with the date of the referendum to be November 3, 2020.

Section 4. Forms of Ballot. The form of ballot for the Charter amendment proposed in Section 2 of this Ordinance shall be as follows:

**Removal of language relating to Special Elections to
accommodate revisions to the Charter if appropriate**

Should the language in Sec. 3.03 of the Charter of Groveland be revised by removing language relating to special elections if the requirement for a special election is eliminated by other charter amendments?

_____ YES

_____ NO

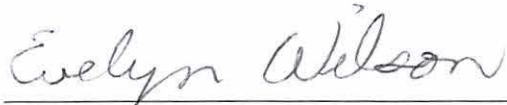
Section 5. Severability. If any provision or portion of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full effect.

Section 6. Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7. Inclusion in Charter. It is the intention of the City of Groveland and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and made a part of the City of Groveland Charter as approved by a majority of electors voting on such measure.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage as a non-emergency ordinance at two scheduled meetings of the City Council. The Charter amendment provision provided herein shall be effective on November 7, 2018 subject to approval of a majority of electors voting on the measure and certification of the election results.

PASSED AND ORDAINED in regular session of the City Council of the City of Groveland, Lake County, Florida, this 27th day of ~~August~~ ^{July}, 2020.



EVELYN WILSON, MAYOR
City of Groveland, Florida



Virginia Wright
City Clerk



Approved as to Form:

Anita Geraci-Carver

Anita Geraci-Carver
City Attorney

Passed First Reading 7/20/2020

Passed Second Reading 7/27/2020

Vice Mayor Radzik moved the passage and adoption of the above and foregoing Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatt and upon roll call on the motion the vote was as follows:

	YEA	NAY
Mike Radzik	✓	
Mike Smith	✓	
Dina Sweatt	✓	
Randolph Waite	✓	
Evelyn Wilson	✓	