

CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE 2020- 01

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 3 - ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 3-78 ELECTION PETITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, based upon an ambiguity between Sections 3-78 and 3-80 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Keystone Heights, the City Council wishes to clarify and amend the provision relating to Election Petitions;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Keystone Heights, Florida hereby finds and declares the adoption of this ordinance is appropriate and in the public interest of the citizens of this community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are adopted and hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Code Amended. Chapter 3 Administration, Article VI – Elections, specifically Section 3-78 Election Petitions of the Ordinances for the City of Keystone Heights is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3-78. – Election Proclamation ~~petitions~~.

The mayor shall issue a proclamation at least 71 days prior to any general or special election and the council shall meet not less than 67 days prior to such election and shall at that time receive petitions for names of the various officers to fill such elective offices as shall be placed on the ballot. ~~The petitions shall be signed by 25 qualified voters in the city, and opposite the name of the person petitioned to be placed upon the ballot shall be given the name of the office for which he will be a candidate.~~

Sec. 3-80. - Qualifying for council or mayor seat; fees.

Any qualified elector of the city who meets the foregoing qualifications may qualify for election to the council or mayor seat by designating the seat number for which he/she desires to run and by paying a filing fee of \$25.00 to the city clerk during the qualifying period provided in the City Charter of Keystone Heights, Florida. A qualified elector who provides to the city clerk a petition signed by 3 percent of the qualified city electors as provided by the Supervisor of Elections for Clay County, Florida as of the first day of the qualifying period may qualify for election to a council or mayor seat without payment of the filing fee.

Section 3. Direction to the Codifier. The codifier is instructed to place the provisions of this Ordinance within the Code of Ordinances of the City of Keystone Heights and make any modifications necessary to place the provisions in a form that complies with the Code.

Section 4. Conflict. If any portion of this ordinance is in conflict with any portion of any other ordinance, then the provisions of this ordinance shall govern.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY APPROVED on First Reading this 2nd day of March 2020, by the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida.

DULY APPROVED AND ADOPTED on Second Reading this ____ day of April 2020, by the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida.

**CITY COUNCIL OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS,
FLORIDA**

By: _____
Karen Lake, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynn Rutkowski, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:

Rich Komando, City Attorney