

CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2013-61

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A PROPOSED AMENDMENT ON THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT; AMENDING SECTION 14 OF THE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDED ELECTION TIMEFRAMES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2015

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendations of the Supervisor of Elections for Clay County, Florida, the Charter Review Commission of the City of Keystone Heights recommends an amendment to Section 14 of the Charter to provide adequate time for election procedures; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Charter Amended. Section 14 of the Charter for the City of Keystone Heights is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 14. NAMES TO BE PLACED ON BALLOTS;
CANVASS OF VOTES, SPECIAL ELECTION.**

All candidates shall qualify with the city clerk and declare an office and/or seat not later than ~~the first Tuesday in February~~ sixty (60) days prior nor earlier than ~~the first Tuesday in January~~ sixty-four (64) days prior to the election. The mayor shall issue the proclamation ~~(60)~~ sixty-seven (67) days prior to any and all general elections.

The form and contents of the proclamation shall be prescribed by ordinance.

The names of all candidates shall be placed upon the ballot in alphabetical order under the office sought. In such election the number of candidates corresponding to the number of vacancies to be filled in the city council who shall receive the greatest vote, shall be the duly elected council of the city. Where more than two (2) candidates qualify for the office of mayor and council and no candidate received a majority of the votes cast, a runoff election between the two (2) candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be held within fifteen (15) days following the first election.

In the event that the office of mayor and or council member becomes vacant prior to the qualifying time for the general election a special election shall be held to elect an interim mayor or council member.

All candidates shall qualify as such with the city clerk at no less than ~~fifteen~~ sixty (60) days nor more than ~~thirty~~ sixty-four (64) days prior to such special election. The mayor shall issue the proclamation ~~thirty (30)~~ sixty-seven (67) days prior to the election. In the event the

vacancy is the mayor's office the council shall by resolution issue the proclamation.

Absentee Ballots shall be available after the end of the qualifying period for an election and must be filed with the clerk of the city by 7:00P.M. the day ~~prior to~~ of the election.

Section 2. Submission of Charter Amendment to Public Referendum. This amendment to the Charter of the City of Keystone Heights as set forth in this resolution shall be submitted to public referendum at the next general election held in the City of Keystone Heights for approval or disapproval by the electors of the City

Section 3. Appearance of Charter Amendment on Ballot. The ballot title to be used in the election shall be as follows: "PROVIDING ADEQUATE TIME FOR ELECTION PROCEDURES." The explanatory statement shall be as follows: "This amendment would amend the City Charter to provide adequate time for election procedures. Candidates shall qualify for an upcoming election between sixty and sixty-four days prior to an election and the Mayor's proclamation shall be made sixty-seven days prior to an election." Below the ballot shall appear the following question:

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

YES _____ No _____

Section 4. Effective Date. This amendment to the Charter of the City of Keystone Heights as set forth in this resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2015, upon approval of the voters.

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this _____ day of November, 2013, by the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida.

CITY COUNCIL OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS,
FLORIDA

By: _____
Mary Lou Hildreth, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terry Suggs, City Manager

FORM APPROVED:

Rich Komando, City Attorney