



ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR SHORE, FLORIDA, REPEALING CHAPTER 14 – ELECTIONS, SECTION 14-4. – FILING FOR CANDIDACY; RENUMBERING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 14 – ELECTIONS, SECTION 14-8. – TIME FOR QUALIFYING TO SECTION 14-4 AND REPEALING PAST DATED LANGUAGE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Belleair Shore Code of Ordinances contains its election procedure in Chapter 14; and

WHEREAS, Section 14-4. – Filing for Candidacy was codified in 1999 prior to the State of Florida updating its state election code; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair Shore (the “Commission”) passed Section 14-8. – Time for Qualifying in 2003 subsequent to the State of Florida updating its state election code; and

WHEREAS, these two ordinances create two separate qualifying timelines for the candidates to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 14-8 is more in line with the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections timeline requirements and the State of Florida’s state election code; and

WHEREAS, the Town is solely comprised of fifty-two (52) homes and only a residential zoning district without out any commercial or businesses within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, there are no business or economic impact implications for the passage of this ordinance within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds it is in the best interest of the Town of Belleair Shore’s delete Section 14-4 and renumber 14-8 to clarify its election qualifying process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair Shore, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. : All of the foregoing findings are true and correct and shall be incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2.: Section 14-4 of the Town of Belleair Shore Code of Ordinances shall be deleted as follows:

~~Sec. 14 4. — Filing for Candidaey~~

~~The opening day for filing for candidaey shall be 9:00 a.m. on the day 61 calendar days prior to the scheduled date for the municipal election and the closing date for filing for candidaey shall be 4:00 p.m. on the day 30 calendar days prior to the scheduled date for such election.~~

Section 3.: Section 14-8 of the Town of Belleair Shore Code of Ordinances shall be renumbered and amended as follows:

Sect. 14-4. – Time for Qualifying

(a) The qualifying period for candidates in the regular scheduled city election shall begin at 9:00 a.m. on the 98th day, (~~December 1, 2003~~), preceding the scheduled regular election and the closing date for the qualifying period shall be 4:00 p.m. on the 85th day, (~~December 15, 2003~~), preceding the scheduled regular election.

(b) The qualifying period for a special election shall be by resolution of the town commission in accordance with the provisions of 6.01 of the Town Charter.

Section 4.: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of the Ordinance is determined for any reason to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a court or regulatory body of competent jurisdiction, then the offending provision shall be deemed severable, shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, and the remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

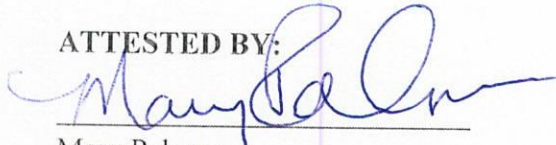
Section 5.: The effective date of this shall be immediately upon its passage in the manner provided by law.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND CARRIED, the foregoing ordinance was approved upon the first reading on the 17th day of December 2024.

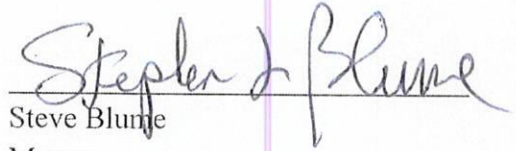
UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND CARRIED, the foregoing ordinance was approved upon the second reading on the 21st day of January 2025

TOWN OF BELLEAIR SHORE

ATTESTED BY:



Mary Palmer
Town Clerk



Steve Blume
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:



Daniel P. Lewis, Esq.
Town Attorney