

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK AT SECTION 9, ENTITLED “TOWN COMMISSION;” PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL APPOINTMENT AND ROTATION OF THE MAYOR-COMMISSIONER, VICE-MAYOR COMMISSIONER, CLERK-COMMISSIONER, AND ACTING CLERK COMMISSIONER BY THE MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COMMISSION; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK, ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, as amended, provides for a methodology of Charter amendments supplementary to and not in conflict with the Charter of the Town of Pembroke Park, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, as amended, provides that such an amendment may be submitted to a referendum vote by the Town Commission of the Town of Pembroke Park, Florida, in an ordinance format; and

WHEREAS, after careful deliberation and the consideration of public input, the Town Commission seeks to propose an amendment to the Charter providing for the annual appointment and rotation by the Town Commission of the Mayor-Commissioner, Vice-Mayor Commissioner, Clerk-Commissioner and other positions on the Town Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission has held a public hearing in accordance with Florida law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission deems the proposed amendment to the Town Charter, as detailed herein, to be in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF
THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK, FLORIDA, THAT:**

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

Section 2. Section 9, entitled "Town Commission," of the Charter of the Town of Pembroke Park, shall be revised as set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 3. The Ballot Title shall be as follows:

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENT BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE MAYOR,
VICE MAYOR, AND CLERK COMMISSIONER**

Section 4. At the General Municipal Election on November 5, 2024, the following question shall be placed on the ballot for consideration by the qualified electors of the Town of Pembroke Park, Florida, and shall read as follows:

The Pembroke Park Charter currently provides for the appointment by the Town of the Mayor-Commissioner, Vice-Mayor Commissioner, and Clerk-Commissioner at the first regular meeting following every election in the Town. Shall the Charter be amended to provide for the appointment by the Town Commission and rotation of the Mayor-Commissioner, Vice-Mayor Commissioner, Clerk-Commissioner and Acting Clerk-Commissioner on an annual basis?

This proposed Charter amendment will have no financial impact to the Town.

YES 1 NO 1

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Section 5. Advertisement. The Town Clerk of the Town of Pembroke Park is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the referendum election contemplated herein all in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Pembroke Park, Florida, as well as the State of Florida Election Code.

Section 6. Codification. It is the intention of the Town Commission of the Town of Pembroke Park that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Pembroke Park, Florida, and that the Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section," "Article," or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

Section 7. Severability. If any clause, section, or other part of this Ordinance shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part shall be considered as eliminated and in no way affecting the validity of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Conflicts. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions, or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED on First Reading this 13th day of March, 2024.

PASSED AND FINAL ADOPTION on Second Reading this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

ASHIRA MOHAMMED
Mayor

MARLEN D. MARTELL
Town Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

JACOB G. HOROWITZ
Interim Town Attorney

VOTE

ASHIRA MOHAMMED	YES
ERIK MORRISSETTE	YES
WILLIAM R. HODGKINS	NO
MUSFIKA KASHEM	YES
GEOFFREY JACOBS	NO

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EXHIBIT “A”

CHARTER AMENDMENT

Sec. 9. - Town Commission.

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The Commission shall be composed of a Mayor-Commissioner, Vice-Mayor Commissioner, Clerk-Commissioner, an Acting Clerk-Commissioner and one (1) other Commissioner. At the first regular meeting of the Commission in April of each year, the Commission shall, by Resolution, appoint one of its members as and to be Mayor of said municipality and another of its members as and to be Vice-Mayor of said municipality, and another of its members as and to be Clerk-Commissioner of said municipality, and another of its members as and to be Acting Clerk-Commissioner of said municipality.

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