

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES, FLORIDA, AMENDING § 5 OF THE TOWN CHARTER TO INCREASE THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS FROM TWO TO THREE YEARS; SHORTEN THE 2027 MAYORAL TERM TO TWO YEARS; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND SCHEDULING A REFERENDUM DATE ON WHICH THE TOWN'S QUALIFIED ELECTORS WILL VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes § 166.031(1) provides, in part, that the governing body of a municipality may, by ordinance, submit to the electors of said municipality a proposed amendment to its charter, which amendment may be to any part or to all of said charter except that part describing the boundaries of such municipality; and

WHEREAS, the same statute also provides that the governing body of a municipality "shall place the proposed amendment contained in the ordinance or petition to a vote of the electors at the next general election held within the municipality or at a special election called for such purpose;" and

WHEREAS, the Redington Shores Town Charter was adopted in its modern form by Chapter Law 31209, Laws of Florida, 1955; and

WHEREAS, since 1974 and after the Florida Constitution's amendment to provide for municipal home rule, the Charter has been amended 20 times, the most recent being in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Shores has determined that extending the term of office for Commissioners to three years would allow Commissioners to better serve their constituents and to reduce the frequency of elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Shores finds that it is in the Town's best interests to leave the term of office for the Mayor at three years; however, to maintain staggered mayoral and commissioner terms of office the Board of Commissioners wishes to shorten the 2027 mayoral term to two years and then in 2029 return the term of the Mayor to three-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Shores finds that it is in the Town's best interest to recommend the revisions to the Town Charter set forth herein to the Town's electors for a referendum vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Shores, Florida, that:

Section 1. Section 5 of the Charter of the Town of Redington Shores is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ C-5. Creation of Board of Commissioners.

- A. There is hereby created a Board of Commissioners to consist of one Mayor-Commissioner and four District Commissioners who shall be residents and qualified registered voters of the Town.
- B. Qualifications and term of office. Each District Commissioner shall be a resident and qualified registered voter of the district from which he or she is elected, and the Mayor-Commissioner shall be a resident and qualified registered voter of said Town. Terms of office of all Commissioners shall be for a period of three ~~two~~ years and shall commence on the day following their election to office as soon as the ballots have been canvassed and the results certified and declared and shall terminate the day of their successors' election to office. The term of office of the Mayor following the general election in 2027 will be for a period of two years. Commencing with the general election in ~~March 2000~~2029, the term of office of the Mayor shall be for a period of three years and shall commence on the day following his or her election to office as soon as the ballots have been canvassed and the results certified and declared and shall terminate the day of his or her successor's election to office.
- C. ~~Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the first Commissioners elected from Districts 2 and 4 shall serve for terms of only one year, it being the intent and purpose hereof that the Commissioners from even-numbered districts shall be elected on alternate election cycles years with the Commissioners from the odd-numbered districts, commencing with the general election in 2027 Commissioners elected from Districts 2 and 4 shall serve three year terms and commencing with the general election in 2028 Commissioners elected from Districts 1 and 3 shall serve three year terms.~~
- D. Vacancies. Any vacancy in the Board of Commissioners shall be filled by appointment by the majority of the remaining members of the Commission for the unexpired term (or until the next election provided that the vacancy not occur within less than 30 days of a Town election). If the Mayor-Commissioner ceases to be a resident or if any District Commissioner ceases to be a resident of the district from which he or she was elected, there shall immediately occur a vacancy in that office and the remaining members of the Board of Commissioners shall fill that office in accordance with this subsection. No elective incumbent office holder shall be qualified to hold or run for any other elective office unless he or she shall resign his or her incumbent office.
- E. Removal of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners shall have the power and authority to remove any member of such Board for incompetency, corruption, misconduct, misfeasance or malfeasance in office, absence from four successive meetings unless excused by the Commission for good and sufficient cause after due notice to said member and an opportunity to be heard in his or her defense.
- F. Rules of procedure. The Commission may determine its own rules of procedure, may punish

its own members for misconduct and may compel attendance. The majority of all members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum to do business. The Commission shall hold regular meetings at such time and place as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution. Special meetings may be called by the Mayor-Commissioner, or in his or her absence, the Vice Mayor when necessary. All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public.

Section 2. The foregoing Charter amendments shall be placed on a referendum ballot by use of the ballot language set forth in **Exhibit A**, attached to and incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 3. The referendum for the Town's electors to consider and vote on the foregoing Charter amendments shall occur during the Town's regular election on November 3, 2026.

Section 4. Should a majority of the Town's electors voting approve the Charter amendment set forth in Section 1 above, then, on the day immediately following the certification of the results of the referendum, the Town Clerk shall transmit this Ordinance to the Town Code's Codifier for codification, and, pursuant to Florida Statutes § 166.031(2), shall file the revised Charter with the Florida Department of State.

Section 5. Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 100.342, the Town Clerk shall ensure that notice of the referendum is provided by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town. Such publication shall be made at least twice, once in the fifth week and once in the third week prior to the date on which the referendum is to be held.

~~**Section 6.**~~ For purposes of codification of any existing section of the Redington Shores Town Charter herein amended, words underlined represent additions to original text, words ~~stricken~~ are deletions from the original text, and words neither underlined nor stricken remain unchanged.

Section 7. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, provision, or word of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or otherwise legally invalid, same shall be severable and the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity, such that any remainder of the Ordinance shall withstand any severed provision, as the Board of Commissioners would have adopted the Ordinance and its regulatory scheme even absent the invalid part.

Section 8. Upon being informed by the Town Clerk of the results of the referendum vote, the Codifier shall codify the substantive amendments to the Redington Shores Town Charter contained in Section 1 of this Ordinance which have been approved by the voters, and shall not codify the exordial clauses nor any other sections of this Ordinance not designated for codification.

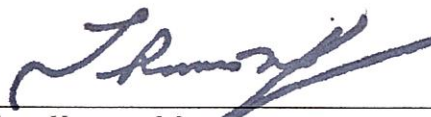
Section 9. The Clerk is authorized to coordinate and approve all necessary advertisement and election expenses and agreements, and to secure all required translation services and ballot language reviews by the Supervisor of Elections, as may be required to lawfully conduct the referendum.

Section 10. The Charter amendment approved by the voters shall take effect on the day immediately following the certification of the results of the referendum.

Section 11. Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 166.041(4), this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

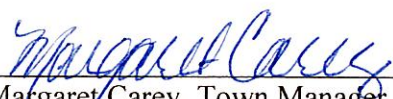
ADOPTED ON FIRST READING on the 11th day of March 2026, by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Shores, Florida.

ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING on the 8th day of April, 2026, by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Shores, Florida.



Tom Kapper, Mayor

Attest:



Margaret Carey, Town Manager

EXHIBIT A

CHARTER AMENDMENT – REFERENDUM

REFERENDUM QUESTION # 1

COMMISSIONERS TERM OF OFFICE

Charter section 5 currently provides that the term of office for a Commissioner is two years. Should section 5 of the Charter be amended to convert terms of the Commissioners to three years?

Yes _____

No _____

REFERENDUM QUESTION # 2

MAYORAL 2027 TERM OF OFFICE

Charter section 5 currently provides that the term of office for the Mayor is three years. If Referendum Question #1 passes extending the term of office for a Commissioner to three years should the Charter be amended to provide the term of office for the Mayor following the 2027 general election only be two years to maintain staggered terms of office for the Mayor and Commissioners?

Yes _____

No _____