

ORDINANCE NO. 515

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE 1, SECTION 32.02 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIC QUALIFYING DATES FOR CANDIDATES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian River Shores has determined that it is in the best interest to conduct Town elections in March for the maximum convenience for the residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town has conducted qualification for candidates in accordance with State Statutes Section 99.061, which recently changed from 46-50 days prior to the primary election; and

WHEREAS, the Statute 99.061 now requires a qualification period of 67-71 days prior to the primary election, which moves the qualifying week from the third week of January to the final week of December, which is untimely for potential candidates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 32.02 (c) is added as follows:

ARTICLE 1. TOWN COUNCIL

Sec. 32.02. Election to Council.

(a) Any resident of the town desiring to seek election to the town council shall file a written petition on a form prescribed by the town clerk in the qualifying period as prescribed by Florida Statute. The filing fee of \$25 shall be submitted to the town clerk with the filing of the petition.

(b) The provisions of F.S. Chs. 97 through 107, "Electors and Elections," as amended from time to time and as applicable to cities, are hereby adopted and made a part of this code. All town elections shall be conducted in conformance with Florida Statutes Chapters 97 through 107, as amended, and with the provisions of the Charter relative to elections, which provisions shall be controlling where applicable.

(c) Each person seeking to qualify as a candidate for election to the office of town council member shall file the required paperwork and fee with the town clerk during the five day period commencing at noon on the second Monday in January of the election year and concluding at noon on Friday of that week.

Section 2. This ordinance shall remain in force until supplemented, amended, repealed or otherwise altered.

Section 3. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Section 4. This ordinance hereby repeals all Ordinances in conflict herewith.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final reading and approval.

Passed 1st Reading: July 24, 2014

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PASSED AND ADOPTED upon second and final reading at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the **Town of Indian River Shores**, Florida, on this 29th day of August, 2014.

By:

Attest:

SEAL

/s
Gerard A. Weick, Vice Mayor

/s
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk