

City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION OF THE CITY CHARTER ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.02 "ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE," SUBSECTION (d) TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE AS APPROVED BY VOTERS IN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2016, the North Port City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2016-12, which established the language for a proposed amendment to Section 3.02 of the City Charter of the City of North Port, Florida and called a referendum for consideration of same; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, said referendum was conducted as part of the general election for approval or rejection of the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2016, the City Commission held a special meeting and the City Clerk canvassed the results of the referendum that the voters approved the proposed amendment to Section 3.02, and the City Commission verified the receipt of same. The Official Certificate of County Canvassing Board, Sarasota County, is attached as Exhibit "A."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1 – FINDINGS

1.01 The recitals outlined above are incorporated by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

SECTION 2 – CODIFICATION

2.01 The amendment to Article III, Section 3.02(d) approved by voters shall be codified in the City Charter of the City of North Port, Florida to read as follows:

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"City Commissioners shall hold office for a term of four years. and may serve for no longer than two consecutive full terms inclusive of terms prior to 2012. No person shall be elected to the office of a city commissioner more than twice, and no person who has held the office of a city commissioner, or acted as a city commissioner, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected city commissioner shall be elected to the office of a city commissioner more than once."

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2.02 The following language shall be added as the new last paragraph to the Introduction to the City Charter of the City of North Port, Florida:

"On November 8, 2016, the City electorate approved by referendum, a Charter amendment via Ordinance No. 2016-12 (adopted May 24, 2016) relating to Article III, Section 3.02."

SECTION 3 - <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

3.01 If any section, subsection or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provisions shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE

4.01 This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT AT ITS REGULAR SESSION THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

LINDA M. YATES MAYOR ATTEST:

PATSY ADKINS, MMC CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

MARK MORIARTY CITY ATTORNEY