

TOWN OF CALLAHAN, FLORIDA  
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO.: 2020-008

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CALLAHAN, FLORIDA TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2020-006 TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CALLAHAN BY PROVIDING FOR AN OPTION TO CONDUCT THE CHARTER AMENDMENT REFERENDA PROVIDED FOR IN ORDINANCE 2020-006 BY MAIL BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS by Ordinance 2020-006, the Town Council of the Town of Callahan ordained to conduct referenda at the November 2020 general election to determine whether the Mayor will be appointed from among the Town Council and a hired town manager will perform the general duties formerly performed by the Mayor and to determine whether to have an employee-clerk hired by the Town Council instead of an elected clerk;

WHEREAS after passage of the ordinance, the Nassau County supervisor of elections informed the Town that the referenda could cause the November 2020 general election ballot to require two pages, in which case the Town would likely be responsible for paying in excess of \$17,000 to the supervisor of elections for the expansion of the ballot;

WHEREAS Florida law provides an option for municipalities to conduct charter referenda by mail ballot and doing so would save the Town well over \$10,000 versus the potential cost of conducting the referenda at the November 2020 general election;

WHEREAS the supervisor of elections will not know whether the referenda will cause the ballot to be two page until after the time in which the Town of Callahan could pass an ordinance providing for an option to conduct the referenda by mail by non-emergency means;

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Callahan finds that an emergency exists to avoid the potential fiscal impact of a two-page ballot and elects to pass this ordinance as an emergency measure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CALLAHAN, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

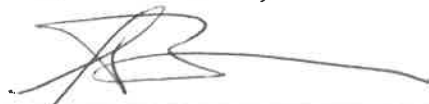
Section 1. Town of Callahan Ordinance 2020-006 is hereby amended by providing for the option to conduct the referenda therein by mail if the referenda provided for therein causes the general election ballot to exceed one page and the cost payable by the Town of Callahan caused thereby exceeds \$1,000.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereto.

Section 14. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage by the Town Council.


ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2020.

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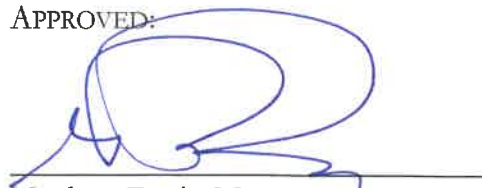


Ken Bass, Town Council President

ATTEST:

  
Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Matthew Davis, Mayor

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