

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 10.03 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO AMEND THE YEAR AND INCREMENTS THAT THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED TO CONFORM WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION CYCLE; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 10.03 of the Seminole City Charter requires the establishment of a Charter Review Committee during the month of January 1999 and each five years thereafter with an expressed purpose to review the operations of City government in order to recommend amendments to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council appointed a Charter Review Committee in January 2024 which has completed a comprehensive review of City government and provided the Mayor and Council with recommended charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such recommendations and has determined this Ordinance amending the City Charter to be in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Seminole.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 10.03 of the City Charter of Seminole is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 10.03. - Charter Review Committee.

- (a) During the month of January, ~~1999~~ 2030, and each ~~five~~ six years thereafter, there shall be established a Charter Review Committee composed of seven members who shall serve until the ballot language deadline date to the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Office for the next regularly scheduled election. Every effort shall be made to appoint one member who has served during the previous Charter Review Committee. The members shall be appointed by the City Council. At a business meeting prior to the appointment of members to the Committee, a the Council shall establish by resolution the process by which members are appointed. Members shall be residents of the City of Seminole. Vacancies may be filled within 30 days in the same manner as the original appointments.

- (b) The Charter Review Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from among its membership. Further meetings of the Committee shall be held upon the call of the Chair or any three members of the Committee. All meetings shall be opened to the public. A majority of the members of the Charter Review Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Committee may adopt other rules for its operations and proceedings as it deems desirable. The members of the Committee shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses pursuant to law.
- (c) Expenses of the Charter Review Committee shall be verified by a majority vote of the Committee and forwarded to the City Council for payment. The City Council shall provide space, secretarial, staff and legal assistance.
- (d) The Charter Review Committee shall review the operations of City government, meet with the Mayor and City Council, city management, and conduct no less than one public hearing in order to recommend amendments to this Charter, if any.
- (e) Charter amendments proposed by the Charter Review Committee, shall be reviewed by the City Council. The City Council may submit the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Committee, to referendum on or before the next regularly scheduled municipal election.

Section 2. The City Council shall separately adopt a Resolution setting forth the proposed ballot statement and ballot summary in a manner that conforms with applicable state law.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to notify the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections that the referendum item provided in this Ordinance and the corresponding Resolution shall be considered on the same ballot as the election to be held on November 5, 2024.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be published in accordance with the law.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption. The referendum measure shall take effect only upon the approval of a majority of the City electors voting at the referendum election voting on this issue.

APPROVED ON FIRST READING: _____

PUBLISHED: _____

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON _____

SECOND AND FINAL READING: _____

Leslie Waters, Mayor

City Clerk

Business Impact Estimate

Proposed ordinance's title/reference: **Ordinance No. 15-2024**

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This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes. If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the City is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law¹ for the proposed ordinance, but the City is, nevertheless, providing this Business Impact Estimate as a courtesy and to avoid any procedural issues that could impact the enactment of the proposed ordinance. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

- The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant or other financial assistance accepted by the municipal government;
- The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Part II of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, relating to growth policy, county and municipal planning, and land development regulation, including zoning, development orders, development agreements and development permits;
 - b. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
 - c. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - d. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the City hereby publishes the following information:

¹ See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare): **The proposed ordinance submits to the City's electors a proposed charter amendment to amend the year and increments that the charter review committee is established. The proposed amendment serves the public purpose of preserving the City's resources by conforming the timing of charter review committee's functions with the general election cycle, eliminating the need for costly elections when those cycles do not conform.**

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City, if any:
(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;
(b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and
(c) An estimate of the City's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

None.

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance:

None.

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any):

None.