

## ORDINANCE NO. 583

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE V, SECTION 2-193 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REDUCE THE QUALIFYING TIME FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF TOWN COMMISSIONER FROM TWENTY-FIVE DAYS TO FOURTEEN DAYS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Ridge Code of Ordinances, Article V, Section 2-193, sets forth the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Town Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the qualifying period presently set forth in Section 2-193, creates an undue burden on the Supervisor of Elections given the short preparation time between the end of qualifying and the election date; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission has determined that there would be no adverse impact on either candidates for the position of Town Commissioner or the voters and residents of the Town in moving the qualifying period back in time by eleven days; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission has determined that the enactment of this ordinance is for a proper municipal purpose and in the best interests of the voters and residents of the Town.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Findings of Fact.** The WHEREAS clauses set forth above are adopted herein as findings of fact.

**Section 2. Amendment.** Article V, Section 2-193, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 2-193. Filing date for candidates for town commission. Each candidate for the office of town commissioner shall qualify as a candidate with the town clerk by filing his or her name and address not more than 39 days and not less than 25 days before the election date fixed by the town Charter.

**Section 4. Severability.** In the event any section, paragraph, sub-paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

**Section 4. Repeal of Ordinances.** Any ordinance in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict, is hereby repealed.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

FIRST READING this 1st day of June, 2009.

SECOND AND FINAL READING this 3rd day of August, 2009.

Commissioner Bingham offered the foregoing Ordinance and its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allison and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

KENNETH M. KALEEL, Mayor Yea

GEOFFREY A. PUGH, Vice Mayor Yea

DR. LYNN L. ALLISON, Commissioner Yea

ELIZABETH P.B. BINGHAM, Commissioner Yea

TERRY BROWN, Commissioner Yea

The Mayor thereupon declared this Ordinance approved and adopted by the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, on second reading, this 3rd day of August, 2009.

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
KENNETH M. KALEEL, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN CLERK