

PETITION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA

I am a registered voter and elector of the City of Sarasota and hereby petition to place an amendment to the City Charter, as described briefly below and attached, before the voters of the City for their approval.

Name: _____
(please print as it appears on your voter ID card)

Address: _____ ZIP: _____
(please print address, within the City of Sarasota, as it appears on your voter ID card)

Voter Registration #: _____ or Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____

X: _____ Date Signed (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____
(Signature as it appears on your voter ID card)

Email Address: _____

Ballot Title: Charter Amendment: Change in Date of Election of City Commissioners

Ballot Summary: Provides that general elections for City Commission shall be held in November of even-numbered years so as to coincide with federal, state, county, and district elections as defined by Florida Statutes; with a first election held ten weeks prior, to coincide with the primary election as defined by Florida Statutes, when required due to the number of qualifying candidates. Provides that terms of office and the selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor be aligned as such.

Description: This amendment to the existing City Charter would provide for elections for city commission to be held on dates that coincide with existing federal, state, county, and district general and primary elections as provided for by Florida Statutes.

All City Commissioners would be elected during the general election which, by Florida Statute, takes place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year.

For district elections, in the event that three (3) or more persons qualify as candidates, the qualifiers would appear on a ballot for a city election to be known as the first election and to be held during the primary election which, by Florida Statute, takes place on the Tuesday ten weeks prior to the general election. The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the first election shall have their names placed on a ballot for the general election.

For at-large elections, in the event that four (4) or more persons qualify as candidates, the qualifiers would appear on a ballot for a city election to be known as the first election and to be held during the primary election which, by Florida Statute, takes place on the Tuesday ten weeks prior to the general election. The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the first election shall have their names placed on a ballot for the general election.

(A complete version of the Proposed Amendment is available at www.DecideTheDate.com)

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