

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF SUBSECTION 7(A) OF THE TOWN CHARTER TO PROVIDE THAT COUNCILMEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS EXCEPT FOR THE MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER WHO SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE FROM ALL OF THE TOWN'S REGISTERED VOTERS; PROVIDING FOR APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN; AND FOR THE FILING OF THE REVISED CHARTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Davie, Florida, finds and determines it is in the best interests of the Town of Davie that the citizens have the opportunity to vote on an amendment to the Charter of the Town of Davie; and

WHEREAS, a referendum election is required to amend the Charter;

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

SECTION 1. Subject to the conditions set forth herein, Subsection 7(A) of the Charter of the Town of Davie shall be amended to read as follows:

(A) *Councilmembers, Mayor, Number, Term, and Selection.* The legislative body of the town shall be known as the town council ~~and~~ which shall be composed of four (4) members who shall be known as councilmembers and who shall each be elected solely from the registered voters within the respective single member district from which he/she seeks election; and one member who shall be known as mayor/councilmember and he/she shall be elected at large from all of the town's registered voters. Reference to "councilmember" in this Charter shall include the mayor/councilmember. All councilmembers shall be elected by the qualified electors on ~~an at large, a~~ nonpartisan basis. The town council shall be elected in five (5) separate classes. When qualifying for such office, each candidate shall designate the class he/she is qualifying for. One class shall consist of the office of mayor/councilmember without reference to any district. The remaining four (4) classes shall represent offices of councilmembers to be elected as representatives of four (4) single-member geographical districts established by ordinance, from time to time based upon reasonably equal areas of population ~~and geographical area.~~

The remainder of Subsection 7(A) remains unchanged.

SECTION 2. This amendment to the Charter shall be submitted to the vote of the electors of the Town of Davie at the general election scheduled for March 13, 2001.

SECTION 3. That the amendment of the Charter subsection set forth herein, if approved by the majority of the electors voting upon the referendum question, shall take effect immediately and shall be implemented as to each councilmembers district seat as the current terms expire.

SECTION 4. Notice of the election to vote on the proposed amendments to the Charter shall be given at least thirty (30) days in advance of the election and shall be given in a newspaper of general circulation published in Broward County, Florida. The notice shall be published at lease twice, once in the fifth week and once in the third week prior to the week in which the election is to be held.

SECTION 5. The proposed amendment to subsection 7(A) of the Charter shall appear on the ballot as follows:

TOWN OF DAVIE

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF FOUR (4)
COUNCILMEMBERS BY VOTERS WITHIN SINGLE MEMBER
GEOGRAPHIC DISTRICTS.

Shall Subsection 7(A) of the Town of Davie Charter be amended so as to provide for the election of four (4) councilmembers who shall qualify from and be elected solely by the registered voters residing within their respective single-member geographic district, with the mayor/councilmember remaining elected at large from all of the town's registered voters?

YES _____

NO _____

SECTION 6. Upon adoption of the proposed amendment by a majority of the electors voting upon such amendment, the amendment of subsection 7(A) of the Charter as set forth herein shall be incorporated into the Charter of the Town of Davie and the new amendment shall be filed as provided by law.

SECTION 7. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or section of this ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the validity of any remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 8. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2000.

PASSED ON SECOND READING THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2001.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2001.