

Ballot Initiative IX

Shall Section 6(K) of the Davie Town Charter be amended to add subsection 6(k)(3) to read: “(3) Purchase of *Real Property*. Real estate appraisals shall be required prior to the purchase of real property by the town”?

This question seeks permission to require a real estate appraisal for property purchases. If the property is valued at more than five hundred thousand dollars than a second appraisal would be required.

Ballot Initiative X

Shall Section 7(A)(3) of the Davie Town Charter be amended to provide for November elections instead of March, for four-year Councilmember terms instead of three, for Councilmembers being elected together beginning with the November 2018 elections, and to include an eight-month extension to the terms of the Mayor and the District 1 Councilmember and four-month reductions to the terms of the Councilmembers of Districts 2, 3, and 4, to comply therewith?

This question seeks permission to move all Town councilmember elections to November to save on election costs, and extend the terms of Councilmembers to four years.

Ballot Initiative XI

Shall Section 7(A)(2)(d) of the Davie Town Charter be amended to change review of Town Council district boundaries to occur every 10 years instead of every five years?

This question seeks permission to change the required review of Town Council district boundaries from every 5 years to every 10 years since population growth is not expected to rise sharply due to diminished developable land.

Ballot Initiative XII

Shall Section 8(I)(4) of the Davie Town Charter be amended to strike “\$1,000.00” and insert instead “\$5,000.00” as the maximum amount of money that may be transferred within a department, office or agency during the fiscal year?

This question seeks permission to allow greater department flexibility in managing their approved budgets. This change would not increase an already approved budget.

Ballot Initiative XIII

NON-BINDING STRAW BALLOT

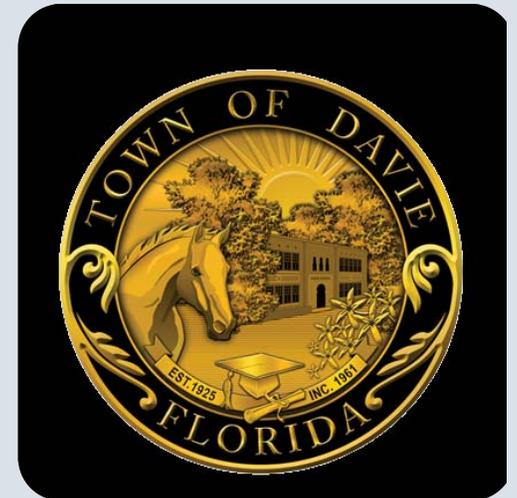
Shall the Town of Davie place a Davie police officer (School Resource Officer) at every public elementary, middle, and high school within the municipal boundaries of the Town with the costs associated with such a program being funded through an increase in the property tax millage assessed to Davie property owners?

This question seeks to gauge community interest in funding the placement of a Davie police officer at every public elementary, middle, and high school within the Town through a property tax millage increase. This question is only informational as any millage increase would require further public notice and hearings.

For more information on these ballot questions please call the Town Clerk's Office at (954) 797-1023.

For election information related questions please contact the Broward County Supervisor of Elections at (954) 357-7050.

TOWN OF DAVIE MAIL BALLOT ELECTION APRIL 23, 2013



The Town of Davie recently completed a review of its Charter which is required to be performed at least every seven (7) years. A group of dedicated Davie residents were appointed to an advisory board and were tasked with making recommendations to any provisions of the Charter.

The first twelve (12) ballot initiatives are a culmination of their recommendations. The thirteenth and final ballot initiative is a non-binding question to gauge community support for funding a school resource officer program to help protect public school children within the Town's boundaries.

Davie voters will soon be receiving a ballot in the mail with these questions, which have been approved by the Davie Town Council. We urge you to become informed on these issues and exercise your right to vote.

Ballot Questions You Will Decide:

Ballot Initiative I

Shall the Davie Town Charter be amended to remove archaic language and replace it with gender neutral language such as "Councilmember", replace "Administration Head" to "Town Administrator", strike Town Attorney compensation "by a retainer" to "as determined by the Town Council", clarify that the District Boundary Committee shall render its report within 120 days from its first meeting "at which a quorum is established", allowing advertisements and publication on the Town's website?

This question seeks permission to replace archaic and outdated language that remains in the Charter. It also seeks to clarify a rule concerning the reporting date for the District Boundary Review Committee and requires notices on the Town website.

Ballot Initiative II

Shall Section 7(G) of the Davie Town Charter be amended to strike "7:30 p.m." as the hour at which the Town Council must convene its first meeting following the March election? And, shall Section 7(G) be further amended to strike "March" as the month and insert instead "General Municipal" before "election"?

This question seeks permission to afford the Town Council some flexibility in the scheduling of Town Council meetings.

Ballot Initiative III

Shall the Davie Town Charter be amended to delete in Section 1 the words "by the Constitution" and substitute "by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Florida"?

This question seeks permission to clarify that the Charter shall be in compliance with both the State and U.S. Constitutions.

Ballot Initiative IV

Shall Section 6(e)(1) of the Davie Town Charter be amended to remove inconsistent language and to add clarifying language so that the section will read "The Town Administrator shall appoint a Town Clerk who shall be required to perform such clerical work and duties as may be assigned by the Town Administrator"?

This question seeks permission to allow the Town Administrator to appoint a Town Clerk without ratification of the Town Council.

Ballot Initiative V

Shall the Town of Davie Charter be amended to remove unnecessary surety bond language in Articles 6(e)(2), 8(A), 8(P) and 8(R), since the Town of Davie has insurance that it will keep in force and effect?

This question seeks permission to remove the requirement of a surety bond for the performance of Town employees since the Town already maintains insurance that safeguards itself from employee actions.

Ballot Initiative VI

Shall Section 8(B) of the Town of Davie Charter be amended to allow the budget to be delivered to Town Council on September 1 instead of August 1 and shall Section 8(E) be amended to allow for a 10-year capital improvement program instead of the current five-year capital improvement program?

This question seeks permission to allow staff more time to present the budget to the Town Council due to legally required meeting dates. It also seeks to provide language consistent with actual practice related to the capital improvement program.

Ballot Initiative VII

Shall the Town of Davie Charter be amended to make technical corrections as follows: Change "Town Clerk" to "Finance Director" regarding check signing in Article 8(V), strike the word "inspector" in 9(C) and replace it with "building official", add "Planning and Zoning Manager" after "Town Attorney", and to change Article 11 from "Fire Department" wherever it appears to "Fire Rescue Department" and to strike paragraph 2 of Article 10 "Police Department" as such is covered by State Law?

This question seeks permission to update the Charter to reflect the names and titles of positions and departments currently performing applicable activities.

Ballot Initiative VIII

Shall Section 6(l) of the Davie Town Charter be amended to strike current language on restriction of employment of relatives and replace it with new language in compliance with Florida Statute 112.3135 and the Town of Davie Personnel Policy?

This question seeks permission to amend current language in the Charter so that it is consistent with state law and current Town policy.