

ORDINANCE NO. 1772 - 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 2-16 (a) OF THE ROCKLEDGE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDATES TO QUALIFY, BY CHANGING THE QUALIFYING PERIOD TO COMMENCE AT NOON ON THE NINETY-FIRST (91st) DAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION AND TO CLOSE AT NOON ON THE EIGHTY-FIRST (81st) DAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION; DECLARING THAT INVALIDITY OF ANY PORTION HEREOF SHALL NOT AFFECT THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections must receive all information relating to ballots seventy-eight (78) days prior to any election; and

WHEREAS, the present qualifying period of the City of Rockledge does not allow for the required information to be received by the Supervisor of Elections in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, the Rockledge City Council has reviewed the City Clerk's recommendation to amend the qualifying period for elections to commence at noon on the ninety-first (91st) day immediately preceding the election and to close at noon on the eighty-first (81st) day immediately preceding the election; and

WHEREAS, the Rockledge City Council accepts this modification for the good order of the City's elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the first sentence of Section 2-16 (a) of the Rockledge Code of Ordinances is deleted and replaced with the following:

Sec.2-16. Procedure for candidates to qualify.

(a) The city clerk or deputy city clerk shall receive a written statement from every person desiring to enter an election, announcing his or her candidacy during the qualifying period, which shall commence at noon on the ninety-first (91st) day immediately preceding the election and shall close at noon on the eighty-first (81st) day immediately preceding the election.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, it being expressly declared to be the City Council's intent that it would have passed the valid portions of this Ordinance without the inclusion therein of any invalid portion or portions.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days following its adoption and signed by the Chairman of the City Council.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rockledge, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Chairman, City Council of the
City of Rockledge, Florida

ATTEST:

City Clerk

1st Reading: 12/18/2019

2nd Reading: _____