

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 18 – “ELECTIONS” BY CHANGING THE DATE OF THE REGULAR CITY ELECTION FOR 2016 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS THAT ARE A MULTIPLE OF FOUR TO A DATE THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE DATE OF THE FLORIDA PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, effective March 19, 2015, pursuant to Chapter 2015-5, *Laws of Florida*, Florida’s Presidential Preference Primary shall occur on the third Tuesday of March commencing 2016 and in each subsequent year that is a multiple of four (4); and

WHEREAS, the City of Edgewood has a City-wide general election scheduled for 2016; and

WHEREAS, the tax payers of the City of Edgewood realize cost savings by the City holding its municipal election in conjunction with the Presidential Preference Primary; and

WHEREAS, in addition to substantial cost savings, increased voter turn-out exists by holding the City’s general election on the same date as the Presidential Preference Primary; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.05 of the *City Charter* provides that in the event of a change in the date of the Florida Presidential Preference Primary, that City Council may, by Ordinance, change the date for regular city elections to a yearly date that corresponds to the date of the Florida Presidential Preference Primary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA as follows:

Section 1: The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings of the City Council of the City of Edgewood, Florida (Note: deletions are identified by ~~striketrough~~, additions are identified by underscore and portions of the Code remaining unchanged which are not reprinted here are identified by ellipses ***).

Section 2: Section 18-4. Election procedures is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18-4. Election procedures.

(a) At least 75 days prior to election day, the council shall announce the date of election. Beginning in 2016 and in each subsequent year that is a multiple of four, the election shall be conducted on the third Tuesday of March concurrent with the Florida Presidential Preference Primary.

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Section 3: Conflicts. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith, are and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 4: Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section 5: Codification. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified as and become and be made a part of the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Edgewood*. The Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention and the word "Ordinance", or similar words, may be changed to "Section," "Article", or other appropriate word. The Code codifier is granted liberal authority to codify the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 6: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2015, by the City Council of the City of Edgewood, Florida.

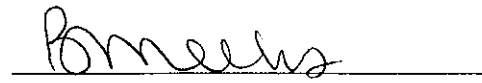
PASSED ON FIRST READING: May 19, 2015

PASSED ON SECOND READING: June 16, 2015



John Dowless, Council President

ATTEST:



Bea L. Meeks, MMC
City Clerk