

ORDINANCE NO. : 587

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT REFERENDUM ON AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTION 13 AND ARTICLE IV SECTION 123 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, BY CHANGING THE DATE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL AND RUNOFF ELECTIONS TO THE SAME DATES SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 100.061 AND CHAPTER 100.031 FLORIDA STATUTES, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article II Section 13 and Article IV Section 123 of the Charter of the City of Port St. Joe sets the dates of the General and Runoff elections as the second Tuesday in May and two weeks thereafter respectively with the terms of the elected beginning on the second Tuesday in June; and

WHEREAS, the current dates set forth in the City's Charter for the City's elections do not coincide with National, State or County elections; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that moving the City's elections to coincide with National, State and County elections may reduce the cost of the City's elections and may significantly increase voter turnout for municipal elections; and


NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the people of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida that:

1. The following question shall be placed before the electors of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida at the next municipal election that has a contested city commissioner and/or mayor/commissioner seat:

“Shall Article 2, Section 13 and Article IV Section 123 of the Charter of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida be amended to change the General and Runoff Election dates from the second Tuesday in May and two weeks later to the Tuesday eleven weeks prior to the possible Runoff Election which would be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November with the winning candidate to begin his or her term the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January?”
() Yes () No.”

2. If the referendum is passed it shall take effect upon the next municipal election and will have the consequence of extending the current office holders’ term up to approximately six months the first time the commissioner group or Mayor/Commissioner seat election is held on the new election dates.
3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed too the extent of such conflict.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED this 23rd day of March, 2021.

BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA


REX BUZZETT
MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



CHARLOTTE M. PIERCE
CITY CLERK