

REVISED CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD FLORIDA

Be it enacted by the people of The Town of Greenwood, Florida:

CHAPTER 57-1344, Laws of Florida, Special Acts of 1957 and Chapter 12799, Laws of Florida, Special Acts of 1927, are hereby revised by approval of the electors of The Town of Greenwood, Florida, by special election held March 6, 1990, as follows.

SECTION I. EXISTANCE. That municipal corporation known as the Town of Greenwood, established by Section I of Chapter 12779, Laws of Florida, Special Acts of 1927, as amended by Chapter 57-1344, Laws of Florida, Special Acts of 1957, shall continue its existence with the territorial limits previously established.

Section 1, Chapter 57-1344, Laws of Florida, Special Acts of 1957. A municipal corporation to be known as The Town of Greenwood is hereby created and established in Jackson County, Florida, and the territorial limits of said municipality shall be as follows:

Sections 31 and 32 of Township 6 North, Range 9 West; and

Sections 5 and 6 of Township 5 North, Range 9 West.

SECTION II. POWERS. The Town of Greenwood shall have all governmental, corporate and proprietary powers to enable it to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions and render municipal services, and may exercise any power for municipal purposes except as otherwise provided by law.

SECTION III. TOWN COUNCIL. There shall be a Town Council for the Town of Greenwood consisting of three members in which all powers of the town shall be vested. The members of the Town Council shall be elected by the qualified electors of the Town of Greenwood.

SECTION IV. MAYOR. There shall be a Mayor of the Town of Greenwood who shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the town and who shall see that all ordinances of the town are enforced. The Mayor shall be elected by the qualified electors of the Town of Greenwood. The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Town Council and shall be recognized as the head of the town government

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for ceremonial purposes, purposes of military law, and the service of process upon the town. The Mayor shall represent the town in agreements with or certifications to other governmental entities and shall execute contracts, deeds, and other documents as directed by the Town Council on behalf of the town.

SECTION V. ELECTIONS, TERM OF OFFICE. The Mayor and all members of the Town Council shall hold office for staggered terms of four years. Regular elections of the Town of Greenwood shall be held the first Monday in June, 1990, and biennially on the first Monday in June thereafter. All officers shall hold office respectively until their successors have been elected or appointed and have qualified for office. Two Town Council members shall be elected to four year terms beginning the first Monday in June, 1990, and each four years thereafter. One Town Council member and the Mayor shall be elected for two year terms beginning the first Monday in June, 1990. Beginning on the first Monday in June, 1992, and each four years thereafter, one Town Council member and the Mayor shall be elected for four year terms.

At the election to be held the first Monday in June, 1990, the two candidates for the office of Town Council receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to four year terms. The candidate for the office of Town Council receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected to the two year term.

The Town Council may call special elections for any reason not inconsistent with the provisions of this charter and general law.

SECTION VI. ELECTORS, CANDIDATES. Any United States citizen who is a registered elector of Jackson County, Florida, and who resides within the Town of Greenwood, may qualify as an elector of the Town of Greenwood. Any candidate for an elected office of the town must be a qualified elector of the town and must have resided within the town for one year immediately proceeding the election in which they are a candidate. Except as provided by this charter, all elections shall be conducted in accordance with the Florida Election Code. Elections shall be at large.

SECTION VII. VACANCIES, APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT. The office of a member of the Town Council or the Mayor shall become vacant upon death, resignation, refusal to serve, failure to reside within the town, removal from office as provided by law, or failure to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Town

Council without being excused by the Town Council. In the event of a vacancy, except as a result of recall, the remaining members of the Town Council shall select a replacement possessing all the qualifications for election to such office to hold that office until the next regular election at which time the council member or Mayor elected to fill the vacancy shall serve until the seat held by him would have been subject to election had such vacancy not occurred.

SECTION VIII. TOWN CLERK AND ATTORNEY. The Town Council shall employ a Town Clerk who shall be the ex officio Clerk of the Town Council and Town Attorney, duly licensed to practice law in Florida, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Council and who shall perform such duties as may be required by the Town Council. The compensation of the Town Clerk and Town Attorney shall be determined by the Town Council.

SECTION IX. EMPLOYEES, CIVIL SERVICE. The Town Council may employ additional agents or employees and shall compensate them for their services. There shall be a civil service system for said agents or employees and the Town Council shall within one year of the adoption of this charter enact any ordinances necessary to fully implement the civil service principles mandated by this charter.

The civil service system shall provide for qualifications for employment by the town and shall certify personnel for employment, dismissal and compensation. Such certification shall be solely on the basis of merit and qualifications. The civil service system should:

- (a). Attract and retain employees of the highest caliber.
- (b). Select those employees based on ability, experience, training, character and physical fitness without regard to race, color, political affiliation, creed, religion, sex or national origin.
- (c). Compensate each employee by payment of a fair and competitive wage for work performed.
- (d). Make prompt and appropriate adjustments of any complaints which may arise.
- (e). Encourage employee participation in the establishment of town personnel policies.

SECTION X. MEETINGS. The Town Council shall sit at regular meetings on a monthly basis and may hold special meetings at any

time upon call of the Mayor.

SECTION XI. SEVERABILITY. If any section or part of this charter is held or declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining valid sections and parts of this charter, it being the express intent of the citizens of the Town of Greenwood that any such invalid sections or parts did not induce the ratification of this charter by them and the remaining valid sections and parts of this charter would have been ratified without such invalid sections or parts.

SECTION XII. REPEALER, TRANSITION. All provisions of the charter of the Town of Greenwood referred to in Section I, above, with the exception of Section 1 of said charter are hereby repealed. All ordinances in effect upon adoption of this charter shall remain in full force and effect, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with this charter, until amended or repealed. Elected officers shall continue to hold their offices for the term prescribed by the charter of the town in effect on the date of their election, except that vacancies in office shall be determined and filled as provided in this charter. Existing rights, obligations, duties and relationships of the town shall pass to and be vested in the town as continued under this charter unaffected. Existing debts and obligations of the town shall be binding upon the town as continued by this charter.

XIII. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Charter shall become effective as provided by law.

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March 28, 1990

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RE: Revised Charter of the Town
of Greenwood, Florida, a
municipal corporation

Dear Sirs:

Please file the enclosed revised charter and provide me with
certified copy of same.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

Floyd A. Griffith
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April 4, 1990

Mr. Floyd A. Griffith
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Marianna, Florida 32446

Dear Mr. Griffith:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 28, 1990 and certified copy of the revised City Charter for the Town of Greenwood, which was filed in this office on March 30, 1990.

Sincerely,

Liz Cloud, Chief
Bureau of Administrative Code

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