

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS OFFICIAL, DATES OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, AND ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD; REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 96-1; PROVIDING A REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Greenwood, Florida, has determined that, given the population of the Town and the number of voters, existing procedures which are practical and economical for the number of voters should be preserved by ordinance and certain clarifications in procedures should be made in light of the new State election code;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS OFFICIAL. The Town Clerk shall be the Municipal Elections Official of the Town of Greenwood and shall supervise all municipal elections.

SECTION 2. DATES OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. Regular elections of the Town of Greenwood shall be held biennially on the first Monday in June of even numbered years. The Town Council may call special elections for any reason not inconsistent with the provisions of the Town Charter and general law.

SECTION 3. ELECTION PROCEDURES - MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND VOTING ON MUNICIPAL ISSUES.

The Town of Greenwood shall have a paper ballot voting system for municipal elections and voting on municipal issues by which electors shall mark their votes upon the paper ballots by hand and the votes shall be tabulated and counted by the Municipal Elections Official by hand.

Specific Procedures to be employed in the paper ballot voting system shall be as set out in the Election Security Procedures of the Town of Greenwood which shall be prepared by the Municipal Elections Official and approved by the Town Council.

SECTION 4. ELECTION PROCEDURES - STATE, FEDERAL AND OTHER ELECTIONS AND VOTING ON NON-MUNICIPAL ISSUES.

The Town of Greenwood shall; with respect to State, Federal and other non-municipal elections and voting on non-municipal issues; follow the procedures required by applicable State and Federal laws in force and effect at the time of the election, as interpreted by the Election Security Procedures of the Town of Greenwood in force and effect at time of the election.

SECTION 5. RECOUNT PROCEDURES.

Upon receipt of a proper and timely request, the Elections Canvassing Commission shall immediately order a manual recount of overvotes and undervotes. Any manual recount shall be open to the public. The town canvassing board shall appoint as many counting teams as necessary to manually recount the ballots. A candidate involved in the race shall not be a member of the counting team. If a counting team is unable to determine whether the ballot contains a clear indication that the voter has made definite choice, the ballot shall be presented to the town canvassing board for a determination. The Town shall adopt detailed rules prescribing additional recount procedures for each certified voting

SECTION 6. CANDIDATE QUALIFYING AND ELECTIONS.

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. Elections shall be at large.

SECTION 7. 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 qualifications for election to such office to hold that office until the next regular election at which time the council member of 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 4. REPEALER. Ordinance No. 96-1 is hereby repealed in its entirety. The provisions of all ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are also repealed.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If a Court of competent jurisdiction should determine that any provision or part of this ordinance is invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions or parts of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage by the Town Council.

Proposed ordinance presented to the Town Council of the Town of Greenwood, Florida, and read in full, and discussed with an opportunity for interested persons to be heard at the April 9, 2002, regular meeting.

Proposed ordinance noticed once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Greenwood, Florida, at least ten days prior to its adoption.

[Proposed ordinance read by title before the Town Council of the Town of Greenwood, Florida, at the May 14, 2002, meeting, interested parties who appeared before the Town Council being heard, and proposed ordinance passed by at least two affirmative votes of members of the Town Council of the Town of Greenwood, Florida, at said meeting]

Passed: May 14, 2002

Approved: Charles Sanders
Charles Sanders - Mayor

Attest: