

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 (ELECTIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA BY AMENDING SECTION 21.02 "TIME OF HOLDING" TO THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER OF EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, although the Florida Presidential Preference Primary ("PPP") traditionally had been held in March, for the Presidential election years 2008 and 2012, the Florida legislature set the dates for the Presidential Preference Primary election on January 19, 2008 and January 29, 2012, respectively.

WHEREAS, in response to the legislature changing the PPP dates, the City of Orlando changed its City Code provisions to create a permanent City general election date of the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April so that it would have a permanent date for its elections that was not impacted by the decisions of the state legislature.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has moved Florida's 2016 Presidential Preference Primary to March 15, 2016.

WHEREAS, the Orange County Supervisor of Elections has expressed concerns about the City of Orlando and the 2016 PPP being held so close together due to an overlap in the absentee ballot period for the two elections, electors potentially voting in different precincts for the two races and general voter confusion which could result from the proximity of the two elections.

WHEREAS, in response to the Florida legislature's decision and to address the Supervisor of Election's issues, the City of Orlando is considering companion ordinances to this

1 ordinance amending the City Charter and Code to coordinate with a new General Election
2 of the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the odd-numbered years.

3 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
4 ORLANDO, FLORIDA:

5 SECTION ONE: Section 21.02, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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7 **Sec. 21.02. Time of Holding.**

8 Municipal elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first
9 Monday in ~~April~~November of each ~~even~~odd numbered year.

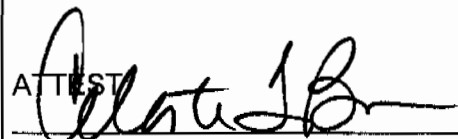
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11 SECTION TWO: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this
12 ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction,
13 such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding
14 shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

15 SECTION THREE: This ordinance shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the
16 second reading and adoption.

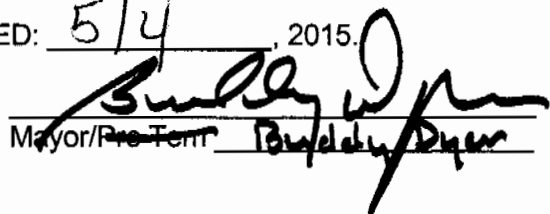
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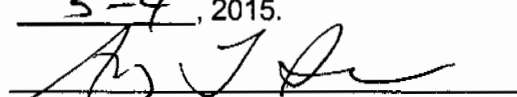
18 READ FIRST TIME: April 20, 2015.

19 READ SECOND TIME AND ADOPTED: 5/4, 2015.

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21 ATTEST 
22 Alana G. Brenner, City Clerk

23 Celeste T. Brown


Mayor/Pro Tem Buddy Dyer

24 Approved as to form and legality for the use and
25 reliance of the City of Orlando, Florida, only.
5-4, 2015.

Chief Assistant City Attorney
Orlando, Florida

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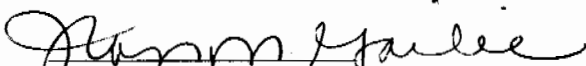
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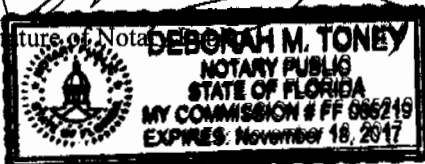
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Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this **21** day of **April**, 2015.


Signature of Notary Public


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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT
On Monday, May 4, 2015 the Orlando City Council will consider proposed ordinance #2015-18 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 (ELECTIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA BY AMENDING SECTION 21.02 "TIME OF HOLDING" TO THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER OF EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. A public hearing on this ordinance will be held during Council's regular meeting beginning at 2:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Orlando City Hall, 400 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, Florida. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public at the Office of the City Clerk located on the 2nd floor of Orlando City Hall, 400 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, Florida. Qualified persons with disabilities needing auxiliary aid or service, or other assistance, so they can participate equally in this meeting should contact the Office of the City Clerk at (407) 246-2251 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the meeting.
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