

ORDINANCE NO. 2024- 59

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TAMPA OF 1975, AS AMENDED, TO AMEND SECTION 6.01 TO REVISE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY OFFICERS TO APPLY ONLY TO ELECTED OFFICERS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, section 6.01 of the Revised Charter of the City of Tampa of 1975, as amended, identifies the officers and board members who conduct city government, requires that they perform their duties consistent with the charter or ordinances(s) of the city, and provides that the named officers and members of boards must be residents and electors of the city("the residency requirements"); and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that a referendum be submitted to the voters of the City of Tampa to amend the Charter to limit the application of the residency requirements for city officers to apply only to elected officers; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary and in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Tampa to submit such issue for referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That it is hereby proposed that Section 6.01, Officers, of the Revised Charter of the City of Tampa of 1975, as amended, be amended as follows:

"Section 6.01. Officers.

The government of the city shall be conducted by the following named officers and boards: a mayor, a city council, a city clerk, a city attorney, a director of finance [also known as the Chief Financial Officer], an internal auditor, a chief of police, a chief of the fire department, a civil service board, a board of trustees of the city employees retirement fund, a fire fighters and

Coding: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions, words underlined are additions.

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1 police officers pension board, a variance review board, and such other officers,
2 departments, and/or boards as may be created pursuant to this charter and not
3 inconsistent therewith; ~~and all of said officers and members shall be residents~~
4 ~~and electors of the city, which officers and board members shall perform such~~
5 duties as may be prescribed by the charter or ordinance of the city not
6 inconsistent with said charter, and shall receive such compensation as shall be
7 fixed and determined in accordance with this charter. All elected officers and
8 members of boards shall be residents and electors of the city. ~~The residency~~
9 ~~requirements of all department heads may be waived by a vote of no fewer~~
10 ~~than five members of the city council for a period of up to one year. The one-~~
11 ~~year residency requirement exception may be voted upon no more than two~~
12 ~~consecutive times after the original exception.~~

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15 **Section 2.** That this ordinance shall be posted and published as provided by law and,
16 except for this Section 2 which shall become effective immediately upon this ordinance
17 becoming a law, shall become effective and operative only if it is approved by a majority of vote
18 of the electors of the City of Tampa voting on the question of the approval or disapproval of the
19 same in and at the election to be held in Tampa, Florida, on the day of November 5, 2024. The
20 form of the ballot of the referendum shall be as follows:

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23 **“AMENDMENT TO TAMPA CHARTER SECTION 6.01 REGARDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**
24 **FOR CITY OFFICERS**

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26 Shall the amendment to section 6.01 of the Tampa Charter, revising the residency
27 requirements for the officers of the city who conduct the government to apply only
28 to elected officers, as set out and proposed by City of Tampa Ordinance No. 2024-
29 _____, be ratified and approved:

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31 YES – FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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33 NO – AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT”

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35 If a majority of the electors of the City of Tampa actually voting on such question in such
36 referendum shall vote for the approval of the proposed amendment, then the remainder of this
37 ordinance, in addition to this Section 2, shall become effective and operative upon the
38 certification of the election results by the Elections Officer of the City of Tampa. If a majority of
39 such electors actually voting on such question in such referendum shall vote against the

1 approval of the proposed amendment, then this ordinance shall not become effective and shall
2 be of no further force and effect.

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5 The Elections Officer of the City of Tampa shall place the foregoing question on the
6 ballot for the November 5, 2024, election to be held in Tampa, Florida.

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8 PASSED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA ON
9 JUL 18 2024.

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13 CHAIRMAN/CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM
14 CITY COUNCIL

15 ATTEST: Shirley Fox-Krawles
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17 CITY CLERK/DEPUTY CITY CLERK

18 APPROVED BY ME ON: 7/29/24
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20 Jane Castor
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22 JANE CASTOR, MAYOR

23 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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25 _____ /s/
26 ANDREA ZELMAN
27 CITY ATTORNEY

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30 Election held on _____:
31 Election certified by _____
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35 Vote: FOR: _____
36 AGAINST: _____
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