

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 18-2021 AT SECTION 2 RELATING TO SECTION 34-56, NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO THE TIME OF THE CAUCUS; ADDING A NEW SECTION 3 PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 34-81 TITLED PETITION CONFIRMING NOMINATION REQUIRED; FORM; AMENDING THE FORM OF THE PETITION TO SUBSTITUTE THE MONTH OF DECEMBER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY TO CONFORM TO THE NEW CAUCUS DATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18-2021 provided at Section 34-56 a time of 7:00 p.m. for the time of the caucus in December; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes the time for the caucus to remain flexible and based on a time declared appropriate by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18-2021 neglected to amend Section 34-81 to change the month of the Town Caucus from January to December in order to be consistent with the new caucus date prescribed in Section 34-56; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to amend Ordinance 18-2021 to incorporate these changes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ordinance 18-2021 is hereby amended at Section 2, Calling and Notice of Caucus, to read as follows:

Sec. 34-56. - Calling and notice of caucus.

Each year the town clerk shall call a caucus of the qualified voters of the town for the purpose of nominating candidates for mayor and the town council. Such caucus shall be held as provided by section 5.03 of the Charter and shall be called by the clerk publishing the following notice in a newspaper having a general circulation in the town on the last two Mondays in November and the first Monday in December:

Notice to the Qualified Voters of
The Town of Palm Beach

You and each of you are hereby notified that a caucus of the qualified voters of the Town of Palm Beach, Florida, will be held in the town council chambers of the town hall ~~at 7:00 p.m.~~ at a time declared by the Town Council on the first Tuesday of December, or on a date at least ninety-five (95) days prior to the election date, whichever comes first, for the purpose of nominating a mayor and _____ councilmembers, to be voted on at the general election to be held in the town on the second Tuesday in March.

All qualified voters of the town are entitled to be present and to place in nomination such candidates as they desire. For a nomination to be effective, it must be seconded and all nominations and seconds thereto may be made only by qualified voters of the town.

Dated, _____ day of _____, 20__.

/s/ _____
Town Clerk

All other sections of Section 34-56 shall remain unchanged.

Section 2. Section 34-81 of the Town Code of Ordinances titled Petition Required for Nomination, Form is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 34-81. Petition confirming nomination required; form.

In order that any candidate may appear on the official ballot at the general election he shall, in addition to being nominated at the required caucus, file or cause to be filed with the town clerk the petition required by section 5.03(b) of the Charter. Such petition shall be in the following form:

*To the Town Council
of the Town of Palm Beach:*

The undersigned qualified voters of the Town of Palm Beach do hereby confirm the nomination of _____ as (councilmembers or mayor, as the case may be) regularly made at the caucus held at the town hall on the first Tuesday of ~~January~~ December, or on a date at least ninety-five (95) days prior to the election date, whichever comes first, and do hereby petition your honorable body to place his name on the official ballot to be used in the general election in group_ (in the event of the nomination for mayor, the group shall not be designated).

(Code 1982, § 2-28)

Section 3. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can

be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Section 4. Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict.

All other ordinances of the Town of Palm Beach, Florida, or parts thereof, which conflict with this or any part of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Codification.

This Ordinance shall be codified and made a part of the official Code of Ordinances of the Town of Palm Beach.

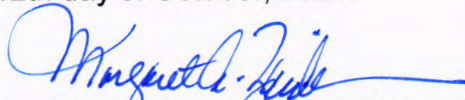
Section 6. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval, as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in a regular, adjourned session of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach on first reading this 23rd day of September, 2021, and for second and final reading on this 12th day of October, 2021.



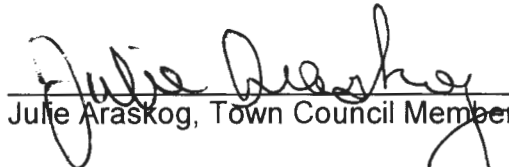
Danielle H. Moore, Mayor



Margaret A. Zeidman, Council President



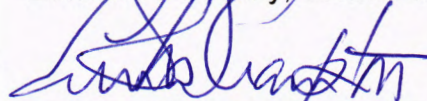
Bobbie Lindsay, Council President Pro Tem



Julie Araskog, Town Council Member



Edward A. Cooney, Town Council Member



Lewis S.W. Crampton, Town Council Member



ATTEST:



Queenester Nieves, CMC, Town Clerk