

ORDINANCE 2015-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF REDDICK, FL AMENDING SECTION 41 "ELECTIONS" OF THE REDDICK TOWN CHARTER, IN ORDER CHANGE THE QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF REDDICK FROM THREE WEEKS TO ONE WEEK TO CONFORM WITH ELECTION QUALIFYING PERIODS OF MARION COUNTY AND ALL OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN MARION COUNTY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CLARIFICATION OF TERMS OF OFFICE AND EFFECTIVE DATES FOR THE MAYOR AND FOR THE TOWN CLERK.

WHEREAS, the qualifying period to run for elected office in the Town of Reddick is presently three weeks in Section 41 of the Reddick Town Charter, and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Supervisor of Elections has recommended and requested that this qualifying period be changed from three weeks to one week to conform and be consistent with all other qualifying periods for Marion County and its municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the elected term for Mayor and the elected term for Town Clerk are not specified in Section 41 "Elections" in the Reddick Town Charter, and

WHEREAS, the terms for Mayor and for Town Clerk need to be clarified and be consistent with the terms of other elected officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF REDDICK, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 41 of the Reddick Town Charter is hereby amended as follows:

Qualifying Period for running for elected office: The qualifying period for elected office for the Town of Reddick is hereby amended from three weeks to one week to conform and be consistent with the rest of Marion County, Florida, and its municipalities.

Term of Office for Mayor: The term of office for the Mayor of the Town of Reddick is hereby established as two years, and future elections for the office of Mayor will be held every two years, and will run with Councilman Group 1 and Councilman Group 2, beginning with the election held in 2017, thus providing for three newly elected officials and three incumbent officials. Councilman Group 3, Councilman Group 4, and Councilman Group 5 will run in 2016 and every two years thereafter.

Term for Office of Town Clerk: The term of office for the Town Clerk of the Town of Reddick is hereby established as four years, and future elections for the office of Town Clerk will be on the ballot every four years, and will run with the office of Mayor and Councilman Group 1 and 2 beginning in 2019. The next election for Town Clerk will be 2023 and will run with Councilman Group 3, 4, and 5, and every four years thereafter. This term length will provide continuity and consistency in record-keeping.