

RESOLUTION 2006-05

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, URGING MEMBERS OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION TO OPPOSE THE ISSUE OF ALLOWING THE PINELLAS COUNTY COMMISSION THE ABILITY TO CREATE COUNTYWIDE FIRE STANDARDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Charter Review Commission has spent a considerable amount of time and county resources on the issue of Fire Services Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission has heard testimony from a number of Fire Service providers from Pinellas County indicating their concerns that the creation of countywide fire standards would not be in the best interests of all jurisdictions due to the inequality of local demographics and topography; and

WHEREAS, Fire Service Accreditation and ISO ratings of each jurisdiction may be potentially impacted negatively; and

WHEREAS, staffing levels may change as a result of any economic endeavor or efficiency which does not consider independent needs of the respective municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Belleair Bluffs that:

Section 1. That this Commission is opposed to allowing the Pinellas County Commission the ability through a Charter Amendment to create Countywide Fire Standards.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, and THIS 15 DAY OF MAY, 2006.



Mayor Chris Arbutine

ATTEST:



Debra S. Sullivan, City Clerk

Aye: Mayor, Krotz, Nelson, Russo
Ney: ---
Absent: Shimkus

RESOLUTION 2006-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, URGING MEMBERS OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION TO OPPOSE THE EXCLUSION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS ON FUTURE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Charter Review Commission has discussed the issue of the composition of future Charter Review Commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission has taken an initial vote that would remove the all elected officials currently specified to serve on Charter Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials work closely on a daily basis with issues contained within the Pinellas County Charter and as such bring a knowledge base to the "lay" membership that combines to assist in explaining any need for proposing changes to the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Belleair Bluffs that:

Section 1. That this Commission is opposed to removing the provision from the current Pinellas County Charter that elected members serve on future Pinellas County Charter Review Commissions.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, and THIS 15 DAY OF MAY, 2006.



Mayor Chris Arbutine

ATTEST:



Debra S. Sullivan, City Clerk

Aye: MAYOR, Krotz, Nelson, Russo
Ney: —
Absent: Shimkus

RESOLUTION 2006-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE PINELLAS COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION REJECT ALL OF THE PROPOSED CHARTER PROVISIONS RELATED TO ANNEXATION POLICY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the proposed charter provisions make annexation more difficult and help to preserve the status quo of city/county jurisdictional boundaries; and,

WHEREAS the proposed changes would conflict with statewide annexation law creating a precedent of inconsistent and conflicting annexation laws across the state; and,

WHEREAS the 50% coterminous rule for non-referendum referendum, hereafter referred to as "property owner referendums," annexations is overly simplistic and arbitrary and further restricts a cities ability to annex; and,

WHEREAS the 66% parcel and acreage consent requirement for property owner referendums is overly burdensome and arbitrary and completely without justification; and,

WHEREAS property owner referendums are a vote of the property owners and should have no greater requirement for a majority than an annexation referendum of registered voters (simple majority); and,

WHEREAS the 60/30 day revocable written consent proposal for property owner referendums will create an opportunity for consenting property owners to be harassed and threatened by opposing property owners up to and including at the annexation public hearing(s); and,

WHEREAS 60/30 day revocable written consent proposal would essentially allow property owners to change their "vote" after the election; and,

WHEREAS this proposal 60/30 day revocable written consent proposal will introduce a tremendous amount of chaos and conflict in a system that is currently sound and effective; and,

WHEREAS limiting repeat annexations to seven years is overly long and unnecessarily restricts the rights of residents to have a choice regarding annexation; and,

WHEREAS the proposed notice requirements for all referendum types is unprecedented and far exceeds any notice requirement for any other type of election or referendum regardless of the subject; and,

WHEREAS the proposed notice requirement is overly burdensome, adds unnecessary cost to the process and is no more than an additional step that complicates

the process and increases opportunities for conflict and litigation in order to prevent annexation in general; and,

WHEREAS the proposed incentive limitation language creates confusion and is already addressed by existing laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Belleair Bluffs that:

Section 1. That the City of Belleair Bluffs requests that the Pinellas County Charter Review Commission reject all of the proposed annexation policy related charter and legislative proposals.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, and THIS 15 DAY OF MAY, 2006.



Mayor Chris Arbutine

ATTEST:



Debra S. Sullivan, City Clerk

Aye: MAYOR, KROTZ, NELSON, RUSSO
Ney: _____
Absent: SHANKUS

RESOLUTION 2006-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, OPPOSING A PROPOSAL OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION THAT WOULD ELIMINATE THE DUAL REFERENDUM REQUIREMENT FOR A CHANGE OF ANY FUNCTION, SERVICE, POWER OR REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF A MUNICIPALITY, SPECIAL DISTRICT OR THE COUNTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Charter Review Commission has tentatively approved a proposal to amend Section 6.04 of the County Charter to remove the requirement that the voters of the county and the voters of an affected municipality or special district must approve by dual referendum any amendment to the charter that would change any function, service, power, or regulatory authority of a municipality, special district, or the county; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment, if adopted and if interpreted liberally, would erode the authority of the municipalities and specials districts of Pinellas County by permitting the usurpation of their functions and regulatory authorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Belleair Bluffs that:

Section 1. That this Commission hereby expresses its opposition to the proposed amendment to the County Charter that would remove the requirement that the voters of the county and the voters of an affected municipality or special district must approve any amendment to the charter that would change any function, service, power, or regulatory authority of a municipality, special district, or the county.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, and THIS 15 DAY OF MAY, 2006.



Mayor Chris Arbutine

ATTEST:



Debra S. Sullivan, City Clerk

Aye: MAYOR, KROTZ, NELSON, RUSSO
Ney: _____
Absent: SHANKS