

ORDINANCE NO. : 580

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT REFERENDUM ON AMENDING ARTICLE 2, SECTION 13 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, BY EXTENDING THE LENGTH OF TERM OF THE MAYOR COMMISSIONER AND CITY COMMISSIONERS FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the term length of the mayor-commissioner and the city commissioners of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida is currently two years; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the city commissioners expire every other year; and

WHEREAS, the length of the terms and the dates of expiration of the various terms require the City of Port St. Joe to hold municipal elections every year; and

WHEREAS, yearly elections are costly to both the candidates and the City of Port St. Joe; and

WHEREAS, voter participation may be increased if the City of Port St. Joe increased the length of the terms of the commissioners and held municipal elections every two years; and

WHEREAS, the overall expense to the city and to the candidates running for municipal offices may be reduced; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the people of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida:

1. The following question shall be placed before the electors of the City of Port St. Joe,

Florida at the next municipal election that has a contested city commissioner and/or mayor/commissioner seat:

“Shall Article 2, Section 13 of the Charter of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida be amended to lengthen from two years to four years the terms of the mayor-commissioner and each commissioner of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida?
() Yes () No.”

2. If the referendum is passed it shall take effect upon the next municipal election.
3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2021.

BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA



REX BUZZETT
MAYOR-COMMISSSIONER

ATTEST:



CHARLOTTE M. PIERCE
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