

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY FOR THE PROVISION OF PRIMARY FIRE SERVICES, PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM THEREON, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Belleair Bluffs and the Town of Belleair entered into an Interlocal Agreement for the provision of fire services that will expire on September 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has been advised by the Town of Belleair that it will not renew the Interlocal Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the loss of revenue from the Town of Belleair severely affects the City of Belleair Bluffs' ability to appropriately budget for the Fire Department for the upcoming year; and

WHEREAS, Section C3.08 of the City Charter requires a referendum in order for the City to contract for primary fire services,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, IN SESSION DULY AND REGULARLY ASSEMBLED:

Section 1: That the City of Belleair Bluffs shall hold a referendum election on September 1, 2009 to pose a question to the electorate that would allow the City to contract for primary fire services with a third party.

Section 2: That the form of the question posed to the electorate at that election shall be as follows:

CONTRACTING FOR PRIMARY FIRE SERVICES

Shall the City of Belleair Bluffs contract with a third party for the provision of primary fire services in order to avoid raising taxes within the City?

_____ YES Allowing fire service to be contracted with a third party

_____ NO Prohibiting fire service to be contracted with a

third party

Section 3: This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption, subject to ratification of the electorate at the September 1, 2009 referendum election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, THIS _____ DAY OF JUNE, 2009.

Mayor Chris Arbutine

ATTEST:

Debra S. Sullivan, City Clerk

PASSED ON FIRST READING: June 15, 2009 AYE: Arbutine, Barkley, Brand, Nazario, Sofer

PASSED ON SECOND READING: