CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA
ORDINANCE NO. 2011–20

✳ DENIED ✳

~~AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 38-14, ST. PETE BEACH CITY CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT IF THREE OR MORE CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OR MAYOR COMMISSIONER QUALIFY FOR OFFICE AND THE PERSONS SO QUALIFIED ARE VOTED ON, THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE DEEMED ELECTED REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT SUCH CANDIDATE RECEIVED A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST; ELIMINATING PROVISION FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION EXCEPT TO RESOLVE A TIE VOTE; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES TO THE EXTENT OF CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.~~

WHEREAS, the neither the City Charter nor State Law mandate that the City hold runoff elections and runoff elections are costly,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1:   Section 38-14, of the City Code of the City of St Pete Beach, Florida, is amended to read:

Section 38-14. Election results.

(a) Multiple candidates. When two or more persons qualify as candidates for the office of city commissioner or mayor-commissioner for any of the designated seats of the city commission to be filled, the persons so qualified shall be voted upon, and the person receiving the highest number of votes cast at such regular city election shall be declared elected.

(b) Tie vote. If two candidates receiving the largest number of votes tie, there shall be a runoff election to determine the winner.

(c) Single candidate. If not more than one person qualified as a candidate for a designated seat on the city commission or for mayor-commissioner to be filled at an election, that seat shall not be listed on the regular city election ballot.

(d) Runoff election. If any runoff election is necessitated, it shall be held not later than 60 days after the regular election
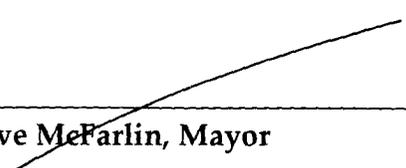
SECTION 2: The findings of fact contained herein are adopted and incorporated herein.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

SECTION 4. If any portion, part or section of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the valid remainder hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption as provided for herein.

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Steve McFarlin, Mayor

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