

FINAL**ORDINANCE # 98-24**

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE WATERFORD SPECIAL DEPENDENT TAX DISTRICT, AMENDING HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ORDINANCE 95-7; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AFFAIRS OF SAID DISTRICT BY A BOARD OF TRUSTEES; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE TRUSTEES; PROVIDING FOR THE LENGTH OF THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES AND PROCEDURES FOR FILLING VACANCIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida created the Waterford Special Dependent District and established by Ordinance the boundaries of the District, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to amend provisions relating to election procedures for the Board of Trustees and the length of the terms office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THIS 26th DAY OF May, 1998, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Hillsborough County Ordinance 95-7 is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 3. The business and affairs of the district shall be conducted and administered by a board of seven trustees, hereinafter referred to as the "trustees," who shall be elected in ~~even numbered years~~ for ~~2=~~ 4-year terms of office. ~~However, seven persons shall be appointed by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners to serve as trustees of the~~

district from the effective date of this Ordinance until the election and taking of office of their successors as hereinafter provided: Four of such appointed Trustees whose terms expire in 1998 shall serve until the first regular election. Trustees whose terms expire in 1999 shall continue to serve as Trustees until the elections held in the year 2000, and three of such persons shall serve until the second regular election. After each annual election of trustees, the trustees shall organize by electing from their members a president, a vice-president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, and a treasurer. At the same time they shall establish and publish in a newspaper of general circulation, a regular monthly meeting date, time, and place which shall be adhered to. Five trustees shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of that quorum shall be required for the passage of any resolution coming under consideration by the board of trustees. The trustees shall not be entitled to compensation for their services, but shall be entitled to be reimbursed from funds of the district for any authorized disbursements they may properly incur on behalf of the district. The president, the vice-president, and the treasurer shall be the only trustees authorized to execute checks and documents on behalf of the district. Such trustees authorized to sign checks of the district or otherwise designated to handle its funds shall, before they enter upon such duties, execute to the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County for the benefit of the district, a good and sufficient bond approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County in the sum of \$5,000 with a qualified corporate surety conditioned to faithfully perform the duties of such trustees and to account for all funds which may come into their hands as such trustees. All premiums for such surety on all bonds shall be paid from funds of the district.

SECTION 2. Section 4 of Hillsborough County Ordinance 95-7, is amended to read as follows:

for inspectors, clerks, and other employees required therefor shall be fixed by the Supervisor of Elections with the approval of the board of trustees and shall be paid by the district.

SECTION 3. Section 5 of Hillsborough County Ordinance 95-7, is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 5. Persons desiring to have their names placed on the ballot for election as trustees of the district shall be qualified electors residing within the district who shall present a written petition to the Supervisor of Elections in even-numbered years during the time period specified by Section 99.061(2), Florida Statutes, and in odd-numbered years at any time after noon of the 50th day prior to the election, but not later than noon of the 46th day prior to the election. Such petition shall be signed by not less than 15 ~~seven (7)~~ qualified electors within the district. Candidates who collect or expend campaign contributions shall conduct their campaigns in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Written notice of the election setting forth the names of the candidates for trustees shall be given by the district, addressed to each resident within the district, not less than 15 days before the date of each election, and shall also be published by the district one time at least 10 days prior to such election in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county. The ballot shall be substantially in the following form.

Board of Trustees of Waterford Special Dependent Tax ~~the~~ District

(stating their names and residence addresses).

~~The Supervisor of Elections shall verify that each candidate is a registered voter and resident of the district.~~

SECTION 4. Section 6 of Hillsborough County Ordinance 89-39 is amended to read as

