

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA,  
AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" BY AMENDING SECTION  
2-64 "RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR MAYOR AND CITY  
COMMISSION OFFICE" TO CONFORM WITH CHARTER  
SECTION 3.02, WHICH REQUIRES ONE-YEAR  
CONTINUOUS RESIDENCY FOR MAYOR AND CITY  
COMMISSION CANDIDATES; PROVIDING FOR  
SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF  
INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Key West City Charter was amended by voter referendum on August 23, 2022, including City Charter Section 3.02, which was amended to provide that any candidate for Mayor or City Commissioner shall reside in the City of Key West at the time of qualification continuously for at least one year; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney recommends amending Section 2-64 of the code of ordinances to conform with the language and intent of the Charter revision; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF KEY WEST,  
FLORIDA:

Section 1: That Section 2-64 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows\*:

Sec. 2-64. - Residency Requirement for mayor and city commission office.

(a) Any city elector shall be eligible to hold the office of mayor. Any candidate for mayor or commissioner shall reside in the City of Key West at the time of qualification continuously for at least one year.

(b) Any city elector who, as of the date of qualification, resides in the district which he is seeking to represent shall be eligible to hold the office of city commissioner. Any person elected to represent a district shall maintain residency in that district for the term of office.

Section 2: If any section, provision, clause, phrase, or application of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable therefrom and shall be construed as reasonable and necessary to achieve the lawful purposes of this Ordinance.

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\*(Coding: Added language is underlined; deleted language is ~~struck through~~ at first reading. Added language is double underlined and ~~double struck through~~ at second reading.)

Section 3: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of said City in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Read and passed on first reading at a regular meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Read and passed on final reading at a regular meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Filed with the Clerk \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Mayor Teri Johnston	_____
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

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TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK