

**TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE
TOWN COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**



**March 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Town Hall - Meeting Chambers**

TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Geoff Pugh
Vice Mayor Steve Coz
Commissioner Carolyn Cassidy
Commissioner David Hutchins
Commissioner Ainar Aijala Jr.

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager Michelle Heiser
Town Attorney Christy Goddeau
Town Clerk Kelly Avery
Chief of Police Scott McClure

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation for Thomas Ambrose
2. GFOA Professionals' Week Proclamation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The meeting schedule for the next month is as follows: Regular Town Commission Meeting Monday, April 6th at 6:00 PM; Code Enforcement Hearing Tuesday, March 3rd at 10:00 AM; Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Tuesday, March 17th at 9 AM. All meetings are held in the Commission Chambers at Town Hall
4. Just a reminder that there will be no Municipal Election in March, as only two candidates qualified to fill the two Town Commission seats. The candidates that qualified are Carolyn Cassidy and David Hutchins. Both Commissioners will be sworn into office at the Town Commission Meeting on April 6, 2026.
5. Residents who wish to sign up to receive important Town notifications and news through Civic Ready should sign up on the Town's website or call Town Hall for assistance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – (3-minute individual limit for items not on the agenda)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (Items that do not require discussion)

6. Adopt Minutes of the February 2, 2026, Meeting
7. January 2026 Financials
8. Emergency Repair of 2" Watermain

9. Consideration of Dedication – Ocean Ridge Linear Park Dedication to Linear Park to Betty Bingham
10. Reasonable Accommodation from Land Use Regulations - New Law from Tallahassee
11. Approval of Resolution 2026-01: Resolution Of The Town Commission Of The Town Of Ocean Ridge, Of Palm Beach County, Florida, Adopting Budget Amendment #1 For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025, And Ending September 30, 2026, Providing For An Effective Date

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

12. Discussion and Presentation on Natural Gas - Florida Public Utilities Company | Florida Natural Gas
13. Discussion on Future Charter Change - Commission Term Limits
14. Ordinance 2026-02: An Ordinance Of The Town Commission Of The Town Of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending Chapter 66, “Environmental Regulations”, Article IV, “Landscaping”, Division 2, “Water Efficient Landscape”, Section 66-142, “Artificial Turf/Synthetic Grass”, To Remove The Location Prohibitions Regarding Installation Of Artificial Turf In Front Yard Areas And Percentages On Use Of Artificial Turf; And Providing For Repeal Of Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, Codification, And An Effective Date

STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. Town Manager
16. Town Attorney
17. Police Chief
18. Fire Chief

TOWN COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA



PROCLAMATION HONORING CENTURION THOMAS AMBROSE

WHEREAS, on the fourteenth day of February 1926, a remarkable life began—one that would span a full century of history, progress, challenge, and triumph; and

WHEREAS, over the course of one hundred extraordinary years, he has born witness to events that shaped our nation and our world, including the hardships of the Great Depression and the courage and sacrifice of the era of World War II; and

WHEREAS, through decades marked by profound transformation—from the advent of modern air travel to the age of space exploration, from the dawn of television to the rise of the digital era—he has stood as a steady and enduring presence; and

WHEREAS, as a cherished resident of Ocean Ridge, residing on Hudson Avenue, he has enriched his community through his presence, wisdom, and the quiet dignity that accompanies a well lived life; and

WHEREAS, throughout his century of life, he has exemplified strength of character, devotion to family, steadfast friendship, and a spirit of perseverance that inspires all who know him; and

WHEREAS, reaching the extraordinary milestone of one hundred years is a rare and distinguished achievement, representing not only longevity but a lifetime of wisdom, experience, and treasured memories.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Geoff Pugh, Mayor of the Town of Ocean Ridge, on behalf of the Town Commission and the entire Ocean Ridge community, do hereby celebrate

THOMAS AMBROSE FOR 100 AMAZING YEARS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Town of Ocean Ridge to be affixed this 2nd day of March 2026.

ATTEST:

Kelly Avery, CMC, Town Clerk

Geoff Pugh, Mayor

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA



GOVERNMENT FINANCE PROFESSIONALS' WEEK MARCH 16-20, 2026

WHEREAS, The Florida Government Finance Officers Association is a professional association founded in 1937 and serves more than 3,300 professionals from state, county and city governments, school districts, colleges and universities, special districts and private firms; and

WHEREAS, the FGFOA is dedicated to being your professional resource by providing opportunities through education, networking, leadership and information; and

WHEREAS, this Government Finance Professionals Week, sponsored by the FGFOA and all of its member governmental organizations, is a weeklong series of activities aimed at recognizing government finance professionals and the vital services that they provide to our state and our community; and

WHEREAS, during this week, government finance professionals throughout the State of Florida will be acknowledged for their hard work, dedication and leadership.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoff Pugh, as Mayor, and on behalf of the Town Commission, do hereby proclaim March 16-20, 2026, as Government Finance Professionals Week in the Town of Ocean Ridge and extend our appreciation to all government finance professionals throughout the state and here in the Town of Ocean Ridge for their hard work, dedication and leadership.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Town of Ocean Ridge to be affixed this 2nd day of March 2026.

ATTEST:

Kelly Avery, CMC, Town Clerk

Geoff Pugh, Mayor

**REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pugh at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Avery led the roll call, which was answered by the following:

Mayor Pugh	Present
Vice Mayor Coz	Present
Commissioner Aijala Jr.	Present
Commissioner Cassidy	Present
Commissioner Hutchins	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pugh led the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Mayor Coz moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Cassidy. Motion carried.5-0 (27:45)

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

1. Phase 4 Watermain Replacement – Status Update Presentations

Representatives from Johnson Davis, Clark Cryer and Cesar Carrillo, provided an update on the Phase 4 water main replacement project south of Ocean Boulevard.

Commissioner Cassidy inquired about water pressure improvements. Mr. Cryer explained that the new water main will provide better pressure, as older mains often become calcified, and that all hydrants will undergo required fire flow testing.

Town Manager Heiser noted the project has been delayed approximately three weeks due to discrepancies between the as-built plans and field conditions identified during potholing.

2. Preferred TIPS Award – Ceremonial presentation to memorialize a \$5,000 grant safety Initiatives from Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust

Chief McClure introduced Kris Kelson of Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust, who presented the town with a check for Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

Town Manager Heiser thanked Mr. Kelson for outlining the additional benefits available to the town, including complimentary training and funding opportunities.

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REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

4. Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of the Presidents Day Holiday.
5. Residents who wish to sign up to receive important Town notifications and news through Civic Ready should sign up on the Town's website or call Town Hall for assistance.

Town Clerk Avery read the announcements into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pugh opened the floor for public comment.

The following spoke: Carol Besler, Janet Schijns, and Betty Bingham

Mayor Pugh closed the floor for public comment.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

6. Adopt Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting
7. Approval of Drainage Easement at 62 Harbour Dr. N
8. Approval of StarBright Events – Bingo & Concert
9. Approval of Town Sponsored Event
10. December Financials

Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Aijala. Motion carried 5-0. (45:17)

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

11. **Communications Service Tax (CST) Review – Non-Ad Valorem, Revenue Option**

Town Manager Heiser presented the Communications Services Tax (CST) as a potential revenue source, noting that Ocean Ridge's current rate is below the state-authorized maximum adopted by most Florida municipalities. She also provided a comparison of CST rates among neighboring communities.

Commissioner Aijala provided projections on pending state legislation that would gradually increase homestead exemptions, potentially eliminating ad valorem taxes for non-public safety purposes on homesteaded properties.

The Commission agreed to defer consideration of CST rate adjustments pending further information from Tallahassee, expected by the summer budget meetings.

12. **Approval of Ordinance on First Reading: Ordinance 2026-01: An Ordinance Of The Town OF Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending Its Code Of Ordinances At Chapter 66, "Environmental Regulations", Article IV, "Landscaping", Division 3, "Trees", Section 66-151," Tree Permits" To Clarify The Requirement For A Tree Permit When Planting A New Tree(s); And Amending Section 66-152, "Duty To Trim Coconut Trees" To Require Appropriate Trimming Of Coconut Tree At All Times; And, Providing Codification, Severability, Conflicts, And An Effective Date**

Town Clerk Avery read the ordinance into the record by title only.

REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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Town Attorney Goddeau presented Ordinance 2026-01 related to tree permits and coconut tree trimming requirements. She explained that the current code requires all coconut trees in town to be trimmed by July 1st in preparation for hurricane season, which creates a significant enforcement burden.

The Commission expressed concern that the proposed ordinance was more restrictive than intended, particularly regarding tree trimming requirements and permit provisions for smaller trees on private property, except where related to power lines or public safety.

Mayor Pugh opened the floor for public comment.

The following spoke: Carol Besler, Sally Howell, Ron Kim, Kristine de Haseth, and Janet Schijns

Mayor Pugh closed the floor for public comment.

After discussion, the Commission directed the Town Attorney to revise the ordinance to create a more general tree regulation focused on safety concerns related to power lines and public areas, while retaining the existing exemption for trees less than twenty (20) inches in circumference. The revised ordinance will be presented at a future meeting for consideration.

STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. Town Manager

Town Manager Heiser reported that a federal share for the Hudson Seawall project is recommended, with final approval pending, and noted that state and FDEP regulations limit local control over artificial turf.

The Commission acknowledged that residents installing artificial turf at this time do so with the understanding that future regulations may apply.

Town Manager Heiser announced she is hiring a new code enforcement officer to be assigned to either the Building or Police Department. She also noted that any revision to charter term limits would require voter approval, with the earliest opportunity in March 2027.

14. Town Attorney

Town Attorney Goddeau had no report.

15. Police Chief

Chief McClure read his report and informed the commission on pending Florida legislation to consolidate 911 centers, which could close Ocean Ridge's center and require all thirty-nine (39) county municipalities to operate from a specific location, possibly at the sheriff's office. He noted that he and the Chief's Association are actively opposing the measure due to concerns over service impacts.

The Commission expressed interest in writing individual letters to state senators opposing the consolidation.

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Chief McClure announced that he was recently appointed as Vice President of the Palm Beach County Chiefs Association.

16. Fire Chief

The Fire Chief was not present at the meeting.

TOWN COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Coz noted that spring break would commence in the third week of February and suggested that the police department be prepared for the increased activity.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Town Clerk Pinder and adopted by the Town Commission on March 02, 2026.

Geoff Pugh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Avery, Town Clerk

Agenda: Monday, March 2, 2026
Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida
Town Commission Agenda Memorandum
Michelle Heiser, Town Manager

Subject: Monthly Financial Report

Balance Sheets

The total General Fund assets as of January 31, 2026 is \$16.4 million. The FLCLASS investment account balance at the end of January was \$14.3 million. The 2025 year end accruals have been posted which increased the miscellaneous receivables and due from other governments. These amounts will remain until year end when the accruals are reversed.

Revenue and Expenditure Statements

The total General Fund budgeted revenue is \$12,817,860 along with utilizing \$1,990,489 of unassigned reserves. At the end of January, the Town had received \$9,325,520.

The total General Fund expenditures through January 2026 are \$3,494,267. In summary:

Expense type	Budget	Actual	Remaining	% Spent
Salaries and Benefits	\$4,838,292	\$1,639,828	\$3,198,464	33.89%
Operating	5,268,056	1,615,376	3,652,680	30.66%
Capital	10,000	0	\$10,000	0.00%
Debt	330,000	77,905	\$252,095	23.61%
Transfers	4,362,000	161,158	\$4,200,842	3.69%
Total	\$14,808,348	\$3,494,267	\$11,314,081	23.60%

BALANCE SHEET REPORT FOR TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE
Balance As of 01/31/2026

YTD Balance
01/31/2026
Normal (Abnormal)

GL Number	Description	Normal	(Abnormal)
Fund: 001 GENERAL FUND			
*** Assets ***			
001-000.000-101.269	TD BANK GEN OP	1,718,651.23	
001-000.000-102.000	PETTY CASH	150.00	
001-000.000-115.200	GARBAGE FEES RECEIVABLE	6,210.00	
001-000.000-115.500	ALARM MONITORING RECEIVABLE	1,400.00	
001-000.000-115.900	MISC RECEIVABLES	87,574.80	
001-000.000-131.200	DUE FROM CAPITAL PROJ FUND	60,487.77	
001-000.000-133.000	DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	180,660.20	
001-000.000-151.356	FLCLASS INVESTMENT FUND	14,314,640.69	
Total Assets		16,369,774.69	
*** Liabilities ***			
001-000.000-202.000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	144,189.25	
001-000.000-207.200	DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	26,396.58	
001-000.000-208.100	DUE BLDG INSP CERT PROGRAM	11,547.15	
001-000.000-208.400	DUE FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMM	108.00	
001-000.000-216.100	ACCRUED WAGES PAYABLE	202,088.56	
001-000.000-218.300	GROUP HOSP INSURANCE WITHHELD	1,488.54	
001-000.000-218.500	DEFERRED COMPENSATION	5,937.61	
001-000.000-218.600	WAGE ASSIGNMENTS WITHHELD	(2,107.50)	
001-000.000-218.700	RETIREMENT	70,456.45	
001-000.000-218.800	EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIONS	5,857.50	
001-000.000-220.000	DEPOSITS	6.00	
001-000.000-223.000	DEFERRED REVENUE	3,351.95	
001-000.000-290.100	DEFERRED INFLOW	71,274.66	
Total Liabilities		540,594.75	
*** Fund Equity ***			
001-000.000-247.100	RESERVE FOR TOWN HALL CAP PROJ	370,550.05	
001-000.000-247.200	RESERVE FOR INSURANCE	160,000.00	
001-000.000-247.400	BEAUTIFICATION RESERVE ACCT	115,267.48	
001-000.000-271.100	FUND BALANCE	9,289,924.07	
001-000.000-281.100	RESTRICTED FOR DEBT SERVICE	116,985.93	
001-000.000-281.400	RESTRICTED TOWN HALL BEAUTIFICATIOIN	32,657.84	
Total Fund Equity		10,085,385.37	
Total Fund 001:			
TOTAL ASSETS		16,369,774.69	
BEG. FUND BALANCE - 24-25		10,085,385.37	
+ NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 24-25		(87,457.88)	
+ NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		5,831,252.45	
= ENDING FUND BALANCE		15,829,179.94	
+ LIABILITIES		540,594.75	
= TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		16,369,774.69	

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE

Balance As of 01/31/2026
 % Fiscal Year Completed: 33.70

GL Number	Description	25-26 Amended Budget	YTD Balance 01/31/2026 (Abnormal)	Available Balance 01/31/2026 (Abnormal)	% Bdgt Used	Encumbrance 01/31/2026 (Decrease)
Fund: 001 GENERAL FUND						
Account Category: Revenues						
Department: 310.000 TAXES						
001-310.000-311.000	AD VALOREM TAXES	9,547,100.00	8,023,246.11	1,523,853.89	84.04	0.00
001-310.000-312.410	LOCAL OPTION 6 CENT GAS TAX	37,000.00	11,919.41	25,080.59	32.21	0.00
001-310.000-312.420	SECOND LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX	18,000.00	5,412.87	12,587.13	30.07	0.00
001-310.000-313.100	ELECTRIC FRANCHISE TAX	240,000.00	86,203.52	153,796.48	35.92	0.00
001-310.000-314.100	UTILITY SERVICE TAX ELECTRIC	330,000.00	108,873.45	221,126.55	32.99	0.00
001-310.000-314.800	UTILITY SERVICE TAX PROPANE	55,000.00	9,369.01	45,630.99	17.03	0.00
001-310.000-314.900	UTILITY SERVICE TAX WATER	100,000.00	77,131.13	22,868.87	77.13	0.00
001-310.000-315.000	COMMUNICATION SERVICES TAX	39,000.00	14,741.84	24,258.16	37.80	0.00
001-310.000-335.200	LOCAL GOVT 1 CENT SALES TAX	39,000.00	53,643.79	(14,643.79)	137.55	0.00
Total Dept 310.000 - TAXES		10,405,100.00	8,390,541.13	2,014,558.87	80.64	0.00
Department: 320.000 LICENSES & PERMITS						
001-320.000-321.100	PROF & OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES	0.00	29.00	(29.00)	100.00	0.00
001-320.000-322.100	BUILDING PERMITS	700,000.00	342,775.35	357,224.65	48.97	0.00
001-320.000-329.100	SIGN PERMITS	300.00	65.00	235.00	21.67	0.00
001-320.000-329.200	ALARM USER PERMITS	1,800.00	820.00	980.00	45.56	0.00
001-320.000-329.600	RENTAL REGISTRATIONS	1,800.00	1,435.00	365.00	79.72	0.00
Total Dept 320.000 - LICENSES & PERMITS		703,900.00	345,124.35	358,775.65	49.03	0.00
Department: 330.000 INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE						
001-330.000-334.100	STATE GRANT REVENUES	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00	0.00	0.00
001-330.000-335.110	OPIOD SETTLEMENT	0.00	395.84	(395.84)	100.00	0.00
001-330.000-335.120	STATE REVENUE SHARING PROCEEDS	62,120.00	19,941.84	42,178.16	32.10	0.00
001-330.000-335.181	LOCAL GOVT 1/2 CENT SALES TAX	178,140.00	39,301.60	138,838.40	22.06	0.00
001-330.000-335.490	REBATE ON MUNICIPAL VEHICLES	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
001-330.000-335.900	ST LIGHT MAINTENANCE REIMBURSE	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
001-330.000-338.000	PB COUNTY & CTY WIDE OCC LIC	6,000.00	2,076.64	3,923.36	34.61	0.00
001-330.000-338.100	PROPORTION 911 CALL TAKER REV	0.00	1,621.68	(1,621.68)	100.00	0.00
Total Dept 330.000 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE		512,260.00	63,337.60	448,922.40	12.36	0.00
Department: 340.000 CHARGES FOR SERVICES						
001-340.000-341.200	ZONING FEES	25,000.00	11,807.50	13,192.50	47.23	0.00
001-340.000-341.400	CERT COPYING RECORD SEARCH ETC	5,000.00	3,720.00	1,280.00	74.40	0.00
001-340.000-341.900	OTHER GEN GOVT CHARGES & FEES	20,000.00	8,062.17	11,937.83	40.31	0.00
001-340.000-342.100	LAW ENFORCEMENT/FIRE SERVICE	220,000.00	80,483.60	139,516.40	36.58	0.00
001-340.000-342.300	ALARM MONITORING	35,000.00	28,315.00	6,685.00	80.90	0.00
001-340.000-342.800	SPECIAL DETAIL SERVICES	20,000.00	245.00	19,755.00	1.23	0.00
001-340.000-342.900	OTHER PUB SAFETY CHARGES & FEES	1,500.00	91.00	1,409.00	6.07	0.00
001-340.000-343.400	GARBAGE AND TRASH REVENUE	350,000.00	198,183.00	151,817.00	56.62	0.00
001-340.000-343.900	LOT MOWING AND CLEARING	0.00	75.00	(75.00)	100.00	0.00
Total Dept 340.000 - CHARGES FOR SERVICES		676,500.00	330,982.27	345,517.73	48.93	0.00
Department: 350.000 FINES & FORFEITURES						
001-350.000-351.100	COURT FINES - COURT CASES	6,000.00	5,566.84	433.16	92.78	0.00
001-350.000-351.300	POLICE EDUCATION \$2.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00
001-350.000-354.000	VIOLATIONS OF LOCAL ORDINANCES	25,000.00	11,705.00	13,295.00	46.82	0.00
Total Dept 350.000 - FINES & FORFEITURES		31,600.00	17,271.84	14,328.16	54.66	0.00
Department: 360.000 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES						
001-360.000-361.100	INTEREST EARNED	480,000.00	162,601.65	317,398.35	33.88	0.00

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE

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Fund: 001 GENERAL FUND						
Account Category: Revenues						
Department: 360.000 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES						
001-360.000-361.320	INTEREST EARNED-PB CO TAX COLL	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00	0.00
001-360.000-361.390	INTEREST OTHER (LIENS, ETC.)	1,500.00	488.60	1,011.40	32.57	0.00
001-360.000-366.900	MISC CONTRIB PRIVATE SOURCES	0.00	14,532.20	(14,532.20)	100.00	0.00
001-360.000-369.900	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	0.00	640.00	(640.00)	100.00	0.00
Total Dept 360.000 - MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		488,500.00	178,262.45	310,237.55	36.49	0.00
Department: 380.000 NON - REVENUES						
001-380.000-380.100	FUND BALANCE UNAPPROPRIATED	1,990,489.00	0.00	1,990,489.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 380.000 - NON - REVENUES		1,990,489.00	0.00	1,990,489.00	0.00	0.00
Revenues		14,808,349.00	9,325,519.64	5,482,829.36	62.97	0.00
Fund 001 - GENERAL FUND:						
TOTAL REVENUES		14,808,349.00	9,325,519.64	5,482,829.36	62.97	0.00

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Fund: 001 GENERAL FUND						
Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 511.101 TOWN COMMISSION						
001-511.101-501.100	EXECUTIVE SALARIES	6,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	33.33	0.00
001-511.101-502.100	FICA TAXES	459.00	153.00	306.00	33.33	0.00
001-511.101-502.200	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	815.00	280.60	534.40	34.43	0.00
001-511.101-502.400	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	50.00	29.15	20.85	58.30	0.00
001-511.101-504.000	TRAVEL & PER DIEM	7,500.00	1,100.13	6,399.87	14.67	0.00
001-511.101-504.100	COMMUNICATIONS SERV PHONE ETC	3,000.00	755.40	2,244.60	25.18	0.00
001-511.101-504.500	INSURANCE LIAB, HAZARD, DAMAGE	29,900.00	22,425.00	7,475.00	75.00	0.00
001-511.101-504.900	OTHER CURRENT CHARGES	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
001-511.101-505.400	SUBSC, MEMBERSHIPS, EDUCATION	2,800.00	1,250.00	1,550.00	44.64	0.00
Total Dept 511.101 - TOWN COMMISSION		51,024.00	27,993.28	23,030.72	54.86	0.00
Department: 512.102 TOWN MANAGER						
001-512.102-501.100	EXECUTIVE SALARIES	225,000.00	75,990.95	149,009.05	33.77	0.00
001-512.102-502.100	FICA TAXES	14,180.70	6,631.56	7,549.14	46.76	0.00
001-512.102-502.200	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	31,567.50	27,512.82	4,054.68	87.16	0.00
001-512.102-502.300	LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE	12,906.00	1,180.66	11,725.34	9.15	0.00
001-512.102-502.400	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
001-512.102-504.000	TRAVEL & PER DIEM	4,950.00	0.00	4,950.00	0.00	0.00
001-512.102-504.100	COMMUNICATIONS SERV PHONE ETC	600.00	151.08	448.92	25.18	0.00
001-512.102-504.500	INSURANCE LIAB, HAZARD, DAMAGE	2,400.00	1,800.00	600.00	75.00	0.00
001-512.102-505.400	SUBSC, MEMBERSHIPS, EDUCATION	4,175.00	0.00	4,175.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 512.102 - TOWN MANAGER		295,879.20	113,367.07	182,512.13	38.32	0.00
Department: 513.103 TOWN CLERK/FINANCE						
001-513.103-501.100	EXECUTIVE SALARIES	98,425.32	24,983.42	73,441.90	25.38	0.00
001-513.103-501.200	REGULAR SALARIES AND WAGES	119,031.13	35,377.54	83,653.59	29.72	0.00
001-513.103-501.400	OVERTIME	1,000.00	213.49	786.51	21.35	0.00
001-513.103-501.410	VACATION PAY	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
001-513.103-502.100	FICA TAXES	16,635.42	5,513.06	11,122.36	33.14	0.00
001-513.103-502.200	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	30,509.14	10,110.78	20,398.36	33.14	0.00
001-513.103-502.300	LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE	42,856.80	14,831.21	28,025.59	34.61	0.00
001-513.103-502.310	LONG TERM DISABILITY	783.12	162.42	620.70	20.74	0.00
001-513.103-502.400	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	300.00	174.99	125.01	58.33	0.00
001-513.103-503.100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
001-513.103-503.200	ACCOUNTING & AUDITING	50,500.00	0.00	50,500.00	0.00	0.00
001-513.103-503.400	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	20,300.00	2,120.00	18,180.00	10.44	0.00
001-513.103-504.000	TRAVEL & PER DIEM	4,925.00	874.23	4,050.77	17.75	0.00
001-513.103-504.500	INSURANCE LIAB, HAZARD, DAMAGE	2,400.00	1,800.00	600.00	75.00	0.00
001-513.103-504.610	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	0.00	0.00
001-513.103-504.900	OTHER CURRENT CHARGES	5,800.00	3,233.70	2,566.30	55.75	0.00
001-513.103-505.400	SUBSC, MEMBERSHIPS, EDUCATION	2,575.00	500.00	2,075.00	19.42	0.00
Total Dept 513.103 - TOWN CLERK/FINANCE		400,790.93	99,894.84	300,896.09	24.92	0.00
Department: 514.104 LEGAL						
001-514.104-503.100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	150,000.00	24,849.03	125,150.97	16.57	0.00
001-514.104-503.110	LEGAL SPECIAL COUNSEL	20,000.00	806.25	19,193.75	4.03	0.00
001-514.104-504.700	PRINTING	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 514.104 - LEGAL		174,000.00	25,655.28	148,344.72	14.74	0.00
Department: 515.105 APPOINTED BOARDS						

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Fund: 001 GENERAL FUND						
Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 515.105 APPOINTED BOARDS						
001-515.105-504.500	INSURANCE LIAB, HAZARD, DAMAGE	2,400.00	1,800.00	600.00	75.00	0.00
Total Dept 515.105 - APPOINTED BOARDS		2,400.00	1,800.00	600.00	75.00	0.00
Department: 519.106 OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
001-519.106-503.100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	63,000.00	43,507.96	19,492.04	69.06	0.00
001-519.106-503.400	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	45,785.00	21,275.00	24,510.00	46.47	0.00
001-519.106-504.100	COMMUNICATIONS SERV PHONE ETC	16,850.00	3,884.90	12,965.10	23.06	0.00
001-519.106-504.200	POSTAGE & FREIGHT	3,275.00	0.00	3,275.00	0.00	0.00
001-519.106-504.300	UTILITY SERVICE - ELEC & WATER	10,000.00	1,663.79	8,336.21	16.64	0.00
001-519.106-504.400	RENTALS & LEASES	3,300.00	2,169.46	1,130.54	65.74	0.00
001-519.106-504.500	INSURANCE LIAB, HAZARD, DAMAGE	171,900.00	140,517.00	31,383.00	81.74	0.00
001-519.106-504.610	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	99,150.00	34,034.15	56,853.35	42.66	8,262.50
001-519.106-504.700	PRINTING	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
001-519.106-504.900	OTHER CURRENT CHARGES	36,075.00	1,739.79	34,335.21	4.82	0.00
001-519.106-504.910	ELECTION EXPENSES	16,450.00	24.00	16,426.00	0.15	0.00
001-519.106-505.100	OFFICE SUPPLIES	8,000.00	865.94	7,134.06	10.82	0.00
001-519.106-505.200	OPERATING SUPPLIES	5,600.00	352.10	5,247.90	6.29	0.00
001-519.106-505.220	OPERATING SUPPLIES UNIFORM/EMB	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
001-519.106-505.400	SUBSC, MEMBERSHIPS, EDUCATION	15,570.00	520.00	15,050.00	3.34	0.00
001-519.106-507.010	COVENANTS FROM TH LOAN	240,000.00	71,256.20	168,743.80	29.69	0.00
001-519.106-507.200	DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST	90,000.00	6,649.09	83,350.91	7.39	0.00
Total Dept 519.106 - OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT		826,955.00	328,459.38	490,233.12	40.72	8,262.50
Department: 521.107 LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE CONTROL						
001-521.107-501.100	EXECUTIVE SALARIES	160,800.00	67,915.09	92,884.91	42.24	0.00
001-521.107-501.200	REGULAR SALARIES AND WAGES	2,154,861.81	743,204.11	1,411,657.70	34.49	0.00
001-521.107-501.210	ONE TIME LUMP SUM INCREASE	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
001-521.107-501.400	OVERTIME	125,000.00	20,842.89	104,157.11	16.67	0.00
001-521.107-501.410	VACATION PAY	12,500.00	0.00	12,500.00	0.00	0.00
001-521.107-501.500	SPECIAL PAY INCENTIVE	20,000.00	1,220.00	18,780.00	6.10	0.00
001-521.107-501.510	SPECIAL DETAIL PAY	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
001-521.107-501.600	HOLIDAY PAY	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00
001-521.107-502.100	FICA TAXES	177,148.14	63,738.35	113,409.79	35.98	0.00
001-521.107-502.200	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	728,392.70	254,325.25	474,067.45	34.92	0.00
001-521.107-502.300	LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE	327,511.20	114,220.42	213,290.78	34.88	0.00
001-521.107-502.310	LONG TERM DISABILITY	10,433.76	1,691.18	8,742.58	16.21	0.00
001-521.107-502.400	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	52,000.00	23,044.88	28,955.12	44.32	0.00
001-521.107-503.100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	98,870.00	15,003.18	83,866.82	15.17	0.00
001-521.107-503.400	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,599,425.00	769,917.44	829,507.56	48.14	0.00
001-521.107-504.000	TRAVEL & PER DIEM	111,850.00	1,750.00	110,100.00	1.56	0.00
001-521.107-504.100	COMMUNICATIONS SERV PHONE ETC	28,300.00	5,228.58	23,071.42	18.48	0.00
001-521.107-504.200	POSTAGE & FREIGHT	2,000.00	120.99	1,879.01	6.05	0.00
001-521.107-504.300	UTILITY SERVICE - ELEC & WATER	13,000.00	1,663.78	11,336.22	12.80	0.00
001-521.107-504.400	RENTALS & LEASES	3,100.00	665.49	2,434.51	21.47	0.00
001-521.107-504.410	VEHICLE LEASES	61,000.00	0.00	61,000.00	0.00	0.00
001-521.107-504.500	INSURANCE LIAB, HAZARD, DAMAGE	62,900.00	53,444.88	9,455.12	84.97	0.00
001-521.107-504.610	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	95,021.00	44,930.76	50,090.24	47.29	0.00
001-521.107-504.620	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE VEHICLE	32,500.00	5,020.27	27,479.73	15.45	0.00
001-521.107-504.630	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE DISPATCH	34,000.00	37,034.05	(18,869.81)	155.50	15,835.76

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Fund: 001 GENERAL FUND						
Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 521.107 LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE CONTROL						
001-521.107-504.700	PRINTING	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
001-521.107-504.900	OTHER CURRENT CHARGES	4,000.00	157.15	3,842.85	3.93	0.00
001-521.107-505.100	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,000.00	614.80	4,385.20	12.30	0.00
001-521.107-505.200	OPERATING SUPPLIES	31,150.00	282.18	30,867.82	0.91	0.00
001-521.107-505.210	OPERATING SUPPLIES GAS & OIL	51,000.00	11,282.13	39,717.87	22.12	0.00
001-521.107-505.220	OPERATING SUPPLIES UNIFORM/EMB	26,280.00	1,476.66	24,803.34	5.62	0.00
001-521.107-505.400	SUBSC, MEMBERSHIPS, EDUCATION	19,665.00	11,364.89	8,300.11	57.79	0.00
Total Dept 521.107 - LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE CONTROL		6,165,208.61	2,250,159.40	3,899,213.45	36.75	15,835.76
Department: 524.108 INSPECTIONS						
001-524.108-501.200	REGULAR SALARIES AND WAGES	60,938.45	43,131.35	17,807.10	70.78	0.00
001-524.108-501.400	OVERTIME	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
001-524.108-502.100	FICA TAXES	4,661.79	1,602.19	3,059.60	34.37	0.00
001-524.108-502.200	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	8,549.66	2,938.47	5,611.19	34.37	0.00
001-524.108-502.300	LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE	24,104.04	8,847.74	15,256.30	36.71	0.00
001-524.108-502.310	LONG TERM DISABILITY	304.56	50.76	253.80	16.67	0.00
001-524.108-502.400	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	1,200.00	600.99	599.01	50.08	0.00
001-524.108-503.100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	386,900.00	99,073.18	287,826.82	25.61	0.00
001-524.108-503.400	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	30,000.00	3,611.00	26,389.00	12.04	0.00
001-524.108-504.000	TRAVEL & PER DIEM	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
001-524.108-504.200	POSTAGE & FREIGHT	1,550.00	0.00	1,550.00	0.00	0.00
001-524.108-504.400	RENTALS & LEASES	7,025.00	502.30	6,522.70	7.15	0.00
001-524.108-504.500	INSURANCE LIAB, HAZARD, DAMAGE	2,400.00	1,800.00	600.00	75.00	0.00
001-524.108-504.610	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
001-524.108-504.620	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE VEHICLE	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
001-524.108-504.700	PRINTING	500.00	187.58	312.42	37.52	0.00
001-524.108-504.900	OTHER CURRENT CHARGES	6,200.00	325.00	5,875.00	5.24	0.00
001-524.108-505.100	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
001-524.108-505.200	OPERATING SUPPLIES	3,000.00	744.26	2,255.74	24.81	0.00
001-524.108-505.220	OPERATING SUPPLIES UNIFORM/EMB	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
001-524.108-505.400	SUBSC, MEMBERSHIPS, EDUCATION	3,720.00	0.00	3,720.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 524.108 - INSPECTIONS		545,103.50	163,414.82	381,688.68	29.98	0.00
Department: 534.111 GARBAGE & SOLID WASTE						
001-534.111-503.400	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	351,300.00	92,736.84	258,563.16	26.40	0.00
Total Dept 534.111 - GARBAGE & SOLID WASTE		351,300.00	92,736.84	258,563.16	26.40	0.00
Department: 539.112 OTHER PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT						
001-539.112-503.120	TOWN ENGINEER	118,000.00	18,875.50	99,124.50	16.00	0.00
001-539.112-503.400	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	340,720.00	55,782.14	279,037.86	18.10	5,900.00
001-539.112-504.610	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	131,000.00	2,301.95	128,698.05	1.76	0.00
Total Dept 539.112 - OTHER PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT		589,720.00	76,959.59	506,860.41	14.05	5,900.00
Department: 541.113 PUBLIC WORKS						
001-541.113-501.200	REGULAR SALARIES AND WAGES	155,911.63	56,840.45	99,071.18	36.46	0.00
001-541.113-501.400	OVERTIME	20,000.00	1,351.67	18,648.33	6.76	0.00
001-541.113-501.410	VACATION PAY	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
001-541.113-502.100	FICA TAXES	11,927.24	4,451.70	7,475.54	37.32	0.00
001-541.113-502.200	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	21,874.40	8,164.33	13,710.07	37.32	0.00
001-541.113-502.300	LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE	25,273.92	9,271.01	16,002.91	36.68	0.00

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Fund: 001 GENERAL FUND						
Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 541.113 PUBLIC WORKS						
001-541.113-502.310	LONG TERM DISABILITY	780.12	130.02	650.10	16.67	0.00
001-541.113-502.400	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	12,000.00	6,999.00	5,001.00	58.33	0.00
001-541.113-503.100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	38,000.00	0.00	38,000.00	0.00	0.00
001-541.113-504.100	COMMUNICATIONS SERV PHONE ETC	1,100.00	254.05	845.95	23.10	0.00
001-541.113-504.300	UTILITY SERVICE - ELEC & WATER	61,500.00	9,256.74	52,243.26	15.05	0.00
001-541.113-504.500	INSURANCE LIAB, HAZARD, DAMAGE	2,400.00	1,800.00	600.00	75.00	0.00
001-541.113-504.610	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	154,500.00	2,272.00	152,228.00	1.47	0.00
001-541.113-504.620	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE VEHICLE	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
001-541.113-505.200	OPERATING SUPPLIES	4,700.00	501.75	4,198.25	10.68	0.00
001-541.113-505.210	OPERATING SUPPLIES GAS & OIL	5,000.00	1,766.30	3,233.70	35.33	0.00
001-541.113-505.220	OPERATING SUPPLIES UNIFORM/EMB	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00
001-541.113-505.230	OPERATING SUPPLIES SMALL TOOLS	3,000.00	33.99	2,966.01	1.13	0.00
001-541.113-505.300	ROAD MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
001-541.113-505.400	SUBSC, MEMBERSHIPS, EDUCATION	800.00	0.00	800.00	0.00	0.00
001-541.113-506.400	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 541.113 - PUBLIC WORKS		543,967.31	103,093.01	440,874.30	18.95	0.00
Department: 580.114 CONTINGENCY						
001-580.114-509.900	CONTINGENCY	500,000.00	49,575.00	450,425.00	9.92	0.00
Total Dept 580.114 - CONTINGENCY		500,000.00	49,575.00	450,425.00	9.92	0.00
Department: 590.100 TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECTS						
001-590.100-509.110	TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECTS	4,362,000.00	161,158.68	4,200,841.32	3.69	0.00
Total Dept 590.100 - TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECTS		4,362,000.00	161,158.68	4,200,841.32	3.69	0.00
Expenditures		14,808,348.55	3,494,267.19	11,284,083.10	23.80	29,998.26
Fund 001 - GENERAL FUND:						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		14,808,348.55	3,494,267.19	11,284,083.10	23.80	29,998.26

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GL Number	Description	YTD Balance 01/31/2026 Normal (Abnormal)
Fund: 302 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		
*** Assets ***		
302-000.000-131.000	DUE FROM GENERAL FUND	26,396.58
302-000.000-151.355	TD BANK CAP PROJ	14,082.85
Total Assets		40,479.43
*** Liabilities ***		
302-000.000-202.000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	13,447.50
302-000.000-207.200	DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	60,487.77
Total Liabilities		73,935.27
*** Fund Equity ***		
302-000.000-271.100	FUND BALANCE	(638,154.17)
Total Fund Equity		(638,154.17)
Total Fund 302:		
TOTAL ASSETS		40,479.43
BEG. FUND BALANCE - 24-25		(638,154.17)
+ NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 24-25		599,421.39
+ NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		5,276.94
= ENDING FUND BALANCE		(33,455.84)
+ LIABILITIES		73,935.27
= TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		40,479.43

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Fund: 302 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND						
Account Category: Revenues						
Department: 380.000 NON - REVENUES						
302-380.000-381.000	INTERFUND TRANSFER	4,362,000.00	0.00	4,362,000.00	0.00	0.00
302-380.000-381.100	INTERFUND TRANSFER	0.00	161,158.68	(161,158.68)	100.00	0.00
Total Dept 380.000 - NON - REVENUES		4,362,000.00	161,158.68	4,200,841.32	3.69	0.00
Revenues		4,362,000.00	161,158.68	4,200,841.32	3.69	0.00
Fund 302 - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND:						
TOTAL REVENUES		4,362,000.00	161,158.68	4,200,841.32	3.69	0.00
Report Totals:						
TOTAL REVENUES - ALL FUNDS		19,170,349.00	9,486,678.32	9,683,670.68	49.49	0.00

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Fund: 302 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND						
Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 519.106 OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
302-519.106-503.100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	50,000.00	0.00	42,969.00	14.06	7,031.00
302-519.106-504.900	OTHER CURRENT CHARGES	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 519.106 - OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT		300,000.00	0.00	292,969.00	2.34	7,031.00
Department: 521.107 LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE CONTROL						
302-521.107-506.400	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	412,000.00	120,034.24	256,595.48	37.72	35,370.28
Total Dept 521.107 - LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE CONTROL		412,000.00	120,034.24	256,595.48	37.72	35,370.28
Department: 539.112 OTHER PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT						
302-539.112-503.4002503	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0.00	6,162.50	(6,162.50)	100.00	0.00
302-539.112-506.300	IMPROVEMENTS NOT BUILDINGS	3,650,000.00	600.00	3,334,376.20	8.65	315,023.80
302-539.112-506.3002501	IMPROVEMENTS NOT BUILDINGS	0.00	27,600.00	(27,600.00)	100.00	0.00
302-539.112-506.3002503	IMPROVEMENTS NOT BUILDINGS	0.00	1,485.00	(1,485.00)	100.00	0.00
Total Dept 539.112 - OTHER PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT		3,650,000.00	35,847.50	3,299,128.70	9.61	315,023.80
Expenditures		4,362,000.00	155,881.74	3,848,693.18	11.77	357,425.08
Fund 302 - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND:						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		4,362,000.00	155,881.74	3,848,693.18	11.77	357,425.08
Report Totals:						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS		19,170,348.55	3,650,148.93	15,132,776.28	21.06	387,423.34

Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida
Town Commission Agenda Memorandum
Michelle Heiser, Town Manager

Subject: Emergency Repair of 2" Watermain

Due to failure and deterioration of the existing 2" galvanized water main and associated services within the rear easement of 6590 N Ocean Blvd, the Town coordinated an emergency replacement to prevent service disruption and potential water loss. The project included installation of approximately 200 linear feet of new 2" polyethylene (PE) water main with tracer wire, nine (9) new complete 1" water services and meter assemblies, directional boring to minimize surface disturbance, wet tapping of the existing 8" AC main, and full system transition and flushing. All connections were inspected and completed in accordance with the City of Boynton Beach minimum standards, restoring reliable service to affected properties.

Funding & Procurement Authorization

This repair was funded through GL Account **001-519.106-504.610 – Repair & Maintenance**, which includes budgeted allocations for unanticipated infrastructure repairs such as valve and water system maintenance. Given the active failure risk and need to prevent service interruption, the Town Manager authorized the work under the emergency procurement provisions, consistent with municipal purchasing policies to protect public health, safety, and system integrity.

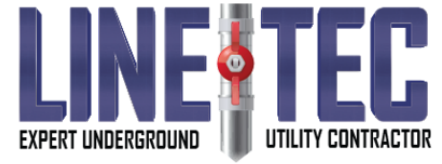
Staff recommends approval.

Suggested Motion: I move to approve.

Respectfully,
Michelle Heiser, Town Manager

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INVOICE

BILL TO
Town of Ocean Ridge
6450 N. Ocean Blvd
Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

INVOICE 26753
DATE 02/12/2026
TERMS Net 15
DUE DATE 02/27/2026

P.O. NUMBER 25-0089 **PROJECT NAME** 6590 N Ocean Blvd 2" water main

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
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This invoice is for the installation of a new 2" PE water main with (9) new complete water services to replace existing water main/water services in the rear easement of 6590 N Ocean Blvd in Ocean Ridge. Work involved GPR of the work area to locate existing utilities, wet tapping existing 8" AC water main on N Ocean Blvd, installation of 2" RS gate valve with valve box, concrete valve pad and valve tag. Crews directional bored 200 linear feet of 2" P.E. w/tracer wire stopping to excavate/expose each location requiring a new 1" PE water service. This involved locating each existing water service/water meter, removing vegetation, debris and spotting existing 2" galvanized water main to avoid damage. Once these areas were cleared and exposed crews installed the new 1" water services w/tracer wire. This work included installing 2" X 2" X 1" brass tee, 1" ball corps, 1" PE pipe, 1" meter valve, 1" yoke bar, 1" yoke outlet and set 1" meter box to grade in suitable location for each of the (9) new meter locations. A 2" blow-off assembly was installed at the end of the water main for flushing purposes. Once the new system the was live crews we scheduled two days to transfer the old water services to the new water main. The existing 2" galv water main will be excavated and shutoff at the existing 2" ball valved and the area re-asphalted. New 3/4" water meters were installed at each location (meters were provided & programmed by Boynton Beach). All final connections were completed by missile boring 1" sch 40 PVC pipe from new meter box locate to existing meter box location and reconnected to the home owners existing 3/4" copper water services. Where possible the old meter boxes were removed, meter boxes located in tiled patios, wood decks or under artificial grass were left in place as discussed. All work completed was inspected and installed as per the City of Boynton Beach minimum standards.

Furnish & Install 2" water main with fittings, complete water services with connection and abandon old water main	1	145,256.30	145,256.30
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This invoice covers all labor, equipment, materials and restoration costs to complete this project.

Work completed on 2/11/26

BALANCE DUE \$145,256.30

Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida

Town Commission Agenda Memorandum

Michelle Heiser, Town Manager

**Subject: Consideration of Dedication – Ocean Ridge Linear Park Dedication
to Linear Park to Betty Bingham**

There has been a request by the public for the Commission to consider renaming Ocean Ridge Linear Park in honor of Betty Bingham.

Ocean Ridge Linear Park is located on property owned by the Ocean Ridge Yacht Club, within the Ocean Ridge Yacht Club Annex subdivision. The parcel is depicted on the recorded plat entitled *Ocean Ridge Yacht Club Annex* (May 2005), Plat Book 14, Pages 53–54 of the Public Records of Palm Beach County. The public’s access to the Lake Worth Lagoon (Intracoastal Waterway) at this location exists by virtue of a recorded easement. The Linear Park Parcel and related access easements are specifically identified on the plat documents.

Former Commissioner Betty Bingham played an instrumental role in advocating for public access to the Intracoastal Waterway on the south end of Town. At the time, there were no other public access points in that portion of Ocean Ridge, and this location represented the only feasible launch site for small, non-motorized watercraft such as canoes and kayaks. Her advocacy resulted in the establishment of the public access easement that exists today.

The Ocean Ridge Yacht Club, as property owner, has expressed that it prefers not to amend the legal descriptions, plats, or recorded documents referencing the Linear Park Parcel. Numerous recorded legal instruments refer to the existing name and legal description. However, the Yacht Club has indicated it is supportive of honoring Betty Bingham in a commemorative manner that does not alter recorded property descriptions.

Proposed Action

Should the Commission wish to proceed in coordination with the property owner, the proposed action would be:

- To formally dedicate the site in honor of Betty Bingham, and
- To authorize installation of a commemorative sign reading:

**“Ocean Ridge Linear Park
Dedicated to Betty Bingham”**

This approach preserves all recorded legal descriptions while recognizing Commissioner Bingham’s contribution to expanding public waterfront access in Ocean Ridge.

Fiscal Impact

Costs would be limited to production and installation of the commemorative signage (rendering attached). No legal recording amendments would be required.

Staff recommends the dedication.

Suggested Motion: I move to (1) approve the dedication and commemorative sign

Respectfully,
Michelle Heiser, Town Manager





Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida

Town Commission Agenda Memorandum

Christy Goddeau, Town Attorney

**Subject: Reasonable Accommodation from Land Use Regulations - New Law
from Tallahassee**

In 2025, the Florida Legislature amended Section 397.487, Florida Statutes, requiring local governments to adopt an ordinance to establish a process and procedures for applicants seeking reasonable accommodations from land use regulations for certified recovery residences. The statute requires a 30-day completeness review of applications, a 60-day timeframe to issue a final written determination once an application is deemed complete, a deemed-approved provision if no timely decision is issued, and also limits public hearings to the minimum necessary to grant the accommodation. This can be complied with by creating an ordinance and placing in the Town's codes.

For additional explanation, below is a summary of the change to Florida law.

Reasonable Accommodations for review of request for locating Recovery Residences.

A recovery residence is a substance-free, supportive housing environment for individuals who are recovering from substance use disorders. It provides a safe and structured place to live while residents work on maintaining sobriety and rebuilding their lives. Accommodating these requests is important so the Town complies with ADA and Fair Housing laws.

SB 954: Certified Recovery Residences:

Local government must

- Establish a written application process for requesting a reasonable accommodation for the establishment of a certified recovery residence
- Date-stamp each application upon receipt.

If additional information is required, the local government must notify the applicant in writing within the first 30 days after receipt of the application and allow the applicant at least 30 days to respond.

- Issue a final written determination on the application within 60 days after receipt of a completed application. The determination must
 - Approve the request in whole or in part, with or without conditions; or
 - Deny the request, stating with specificity the objective, evidence-based reasons for denial and identifying any deficiencies or actions necessary for reconsideration.

NOTE: if a final written determination is not issued within 60 days after receipt of a completed application, the request is deemed approved unless the parties agree in writing to a reasonable extension of time.

Staff recommends directing legal to prepare an ordinance to satisfy this new state requirement.

Suggested Motion: Discussion.

Respectfully,
Christy Goddeau, Town Attorney

Agenda: Monday, March 2, 2026
Memo: Item #11.

Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida

Town Commission Agenda Memorandum

Michelle Heiser, Town Manager

**Subject: Approval of Resolution 2026-01: Resolution Of The Town
Commission Of The Town Of Ocean Ridge, Of Palm Beach County,
Florida, Adopting Budget Amendment #1 For The Fiscal Year
Beginning October 1, 2025, And Ending September 30, 2026,
Providing For An Effective Date**

From time to time there are adjustments to the approved budget. The Town Manager, along with the financial consultant, are committed to ensuring the Commission see and approve these changes via budget amendments.

Staff recommends approval.

Suggested Motion: I move to approve.

Respectfully,
Michelle Heiser, Town Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge of Palm Beach County, Florida, has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Ocean Ridge to amend the FY 2025/2026 Budget to reallocate existing fund balance; and

WHEREAS, such amendment does not increase the ad valorem taxes charged to residents for fiscal year 2025/2026; and

WHEREAS, such amendments and transfers are explained in the attached Exhibit "A".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. The Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Amendments be adopted as submitted by the Town Manager in Exhibit "A".

Section 2. That all resolutions or parts of resolution in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

_____ offered the foregoing resolution.
 _____ seconded the motion, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows: Passed and adopted in regular session assembled this 2nd day of March 2026.

GEOFF PUGH, MAYOR
 STEVE COZ, VICE MAYOR
 AINAR AIJALA JR, COMMISSIONER
 CAROLYN CASSIDY, COMMISSIONER
 DAVID HUTCHINS, COMMISSIONER

Yes	No	Absent	Abstain

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of March 2026.

ATTEST:

Kelly Avery, Town Clerk

Geoff Pugh, Mayor

REVIEWED FOR FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY

Christy Goddeau, Town Attorney

GL Number	Description	25-26 Original Budget	Amendment	25-26 Amended Budget
Department: 580.114 CONTINGENCY 001-580.114-509.900	CONTINGENCY	500,000.00	(83,727.00)	416,273.00
Department: 512.102 TOWN MANAGER 001-512.102-501.100	EXECUTIVE SALARIES	225,000.00	(50,000.00)	175,000.00
Department: 513.103 TOWN CLERK/FINANCE 001-513.103-501.100	EXECUTIVE SALARIES	98,425.32	(30,000.00)	68,425.32
001-513.103-501.200	REGULAR SALARIES AND WAGES	119,031.13	(25,000.00)	94,031.13
				-
Department: 519.106 GENERAL GOVERNMENT 001-519.106-504.900	OTHER CURRENT CHARGES	36,075.00	24,500.00	60,575.00
Department: 524.108 INSPECTIONS 001-524.108-501.200	REGULAR SALARIES AND WAGES	60,938.45	143,000.00	203,938.45
001-524.108-502.100	FICA TAXES	4,661.79	2,907.00	7,568.79
001-524.108-502.200	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	8,549.66	5,320.00	13,869.66
001-524.108-502.300	LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE	24,104.04	13,000.00	37,104.04
Total			-	

Agenda: Monday, March 2, 2026
Memo: Item #12.

Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida

Town Commission Agenda Memorandum

Michelle Heiser, Town Manager

Subject: Discussion and Presentation on Natural Gas - Florida Public Utilities Company | Florida Natural Gas

A presentation was made to the Commission at the beginning of the fiscal year by Arian Monzon, Regional Governmental Affairs Manager, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation | Florida Public Utilities Company | Florida City Gas .

After the presentation, the Commission said they wanted to learn more. The Mayor and Town Manager had a follow-up meeting with this representative to better understand the concepts presented to the Commission.

The Mayor requested a broader presentation be delivered to the Commission, with specifics about financial costs, timelines and more. [Florida Public Utilities \(FPU\) offered new feedback](#): "Given the size and complexity of this infrastructure undertaking, we want to ensure all components are fully tightened up and properly put together before presenting to the Town Commission. This is a major project, and I hope you understand why the preparation process has taken time. "

FPU will give a short presentation on the work being done behind the scenes in order to provide a full scope proposal to the Town of Ocean Ridge. Additionally, FPU would like the Town to engage in the development of a franchise agreement (much like what exists with FPL). Attached is a template provided by FPU.

Staff asks the Commission to enjoy the presentation, and provide any new direction, if different than "continue" on how to proceed.

Suggested Motion: I move to...

Respectfully,
Michelle Heiser, Town Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 202__- [REDACTED]

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR A PERIOD OF [REDACTED] YEARS TO SELL, DISTRIBUTE, TRANSPORT, AND TRANSMIT NATURAL, MANUFACTURED, OR MIXED GAS IN THE CITY OF [REDACTED], FLORIDA; MAKING FINDINGS; PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SAID FRANCHISE MAY BE EXERCISED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE; AND REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City of _____ (the “City”) owns and/or exercises control over the City’s Rights-of-way (as defined herein); and

WHEREAS, Florida Public Utilities Company (the “Company”) has requested permission from the City to erect, construct, operate, and maintain a gas system; to import, transport, sell and distribute Gas (as defined herein) within the City; and for these purposes to establish facilities and equipment and to lay and maintain gas mains, service pipes, and any other appurtenances as are used or useful in the sale, transportation and distribution of Gas in and along the City’s Rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Rights-of-way to be used by the Company are public properties acquired and maintained by the City at expense to the City’s taxpayers, and the right to use the City’s Rights-of-way is a property right without which the Company would be required to invest capital and incur property acquisition costs; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to insure that the City’s Rights-of-way used by the Company are promptly restored to a safe and secure condition to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, state statutes and City ordinances authorize the City to grant a franchise for the purposes set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that it is in the public interest and advances the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of the City to enter into this Franchise Agreement (as defined herein) with the Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY [REDACTED] OF THE CITY OF [REDACTED], FLORIDA:

1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this Franchise Agreement (as defined herein), the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivatives shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural include the singular, and words in the singular include the plural.
- A. “Business Day” means a day other than a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which commercial banks located within the City are closed or a day that the City observes as a holiday.
 - B. “City” shall mean the City of _____, Florida, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida.
 - C. “City Clerk” means the Person appointed, hired or otherwise designated or charged by the City to accept, organize, maintain and/or keep records of the City.
 - D. “City Engineer” means the Person appointed, hired or otherwise designated or charged by the City to perform professional and technical engineering duties for the City which may include, by example, performing supervisory and administrative duties in planning and coordinating the operation of engineering services on behalf of the City.
 - E. “City Limits” shall mean the incorporated limits of the City, including any such territory as may be hereafter added or annexed to, or consolidated with, the City.
 - F. “City Manager” means the Person appointed, hired or otherwise designated or charged by the City to implement municipal policy and/or otherwise serve as the administrator for the City in connection with day-to-day functions, or, in the absence of such individual, the local governing body.
 - G. “City’s Rights-of-way” shall mean all rights-of-way, streets, roads, lanes, avenues, boulevards, alleys, highways, waterways, bridges, sidewalks, thoroughfares, easements and other ways or places of whatever nature, now or hereafter existing, that are owned by the City or that are located within the City Limits and are publicly held or dedicated for public use, including for vehicular or pedestrian movement, and also to include the space at, or below the right-of-way places.
 - H. “Commission” shall mean the Florida Public Service Commission or any successor agency.
 - I. “Company” shall mean Florida Public Utilities Company, a Florida corporation, its successors, and assigns.

- J. “Customer” shall mean any Person supplied with Gas service by the Company within the City Limits.
- K. “Distribution System” shall mean any and all transmission pipelines, main pipelines, and service pipelines, together with all necessary and desirable appurtenances, including, but not limited to, all tubes, traps, vents, vaults, manholes, meters, gauges, regulators, valves, conduits, attachments, and structures, as are used or useful in the sale, importation, distribution, transportation, transmission, or delivery of Gas and as are located within the City Limits.
- L. “Effective Date” shall mean the date this Franchise Agreement becomes effective as described in Section 3 below.
- M. “Expenses” means court costs, including taxed and untaxed costs, and reasonable attorneys’ fees, whether suit be brought or not, and includes, without limitation, expenses incurred in any appellate or bankruptcy proceeding (including reasonable legal and investigative expenses).
- N. “Franchise” or “Franchise Agreement” shall mean this ordinance as adopted by the City and accepted by the Company.
- O. “Franchise Fee” shall mean an amount equal to [REDACTED] percent ([REDACTED]%) of the Company’s Gross Revenues, less any adjustments for uncollectable accounts as determined by the Company in its reasonable discretion.
- P. “Gas” shall mean natural gas and/or manufactured gas and/or a mixture of gases, including renewable natural gas and hydrogen gas, that is distributed in pipes and measured by meter on the Customer’s premise. It shall not mean propane gas or liquefied petroleum gas (commonly referred to as “bottled gas”).
- Q. “Gross Revenues” shall mean all revenues received by the Company from any “residential” and “commercial” Customer, excluding deposits, pre-payments until they are earned, turn on/off charges, meter installation charges, and any other revenue not generated directly and solely from the sale, distribution, transportation, transmission, and delivery of Gas. Gross Revenues shall exclude (i) revenues from customers of “interruptible,” “industrial,” and “other” gas service, as designated by the Company consistent with the Tariff, until and unless (1) the City imposes a franchise fee or utility tax on the “interruptible,” “industrial,” and “other” customers of all competing utility services in the City Limits, including, without limitation, the imposition of franchise fees or utility taxes on all grades of fuel oils or gases used for such customers, and (2) the imposed fee or tax is relatively equal to the Franchise Fee payable hereunder plus utility taxes levied on Gas pursuant to statute and/or rule, and (ii) revenues from sales

for resale between public utilities, municipal gas utilities, and gas districts or any combination thereof.

- R. “Person” shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, estate, corporation, company, or other entity, including, but not limited to, any government entity.
- S. “Tariff” shall mean the Company’s then effective natural gas service tariff as filed with and approved by the Commission.

2. Grant of Authority. The City hereby grants to the Company the non-exclusive franchise for the provision of natural gas service within the City Limits. The City grants to the Company the non-exclusive right, privilege, and franchise to lay, erect, construct, operate, and maintain a Distribution System in, on or under any of the City’s Rights-of-way, as they now exist or may be hereafter constructed, opened, laid out or extended within the City Limits. In the event that any of the City’s Rights-of-way are closed, vacated, or otherwise abandoned, the City shall provide or cause to be provided alternative Rights-of-way or easements acceptable to the Company, pursuant to Rights-of-way agreements, or easement agreements for public or private non-Rights-of-way property, in each case in form and substance acceptable to the Company for the Distribution System or any portion thereof that is affected by such closure, vacation or abandonment.

3. 3. Term.

- A. This Franchise shall take effect on the first day of the month following the final passage of this Franchise Agreement, as required by applicable law, and upon the Company’s filing of the acceptance with the City Clerk (the “Effective Date”). Except as provided in Section 4 herein, the term of this Franchise shall be () years from the Effective Date (the “Initial Term”); provided however, that there will be an option to renew the Franchise for one (1) _____ () year renewal term (the “Renewal Term”) if the Company provides the City with written notice, no less than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term and the City provides written notice of acceptance of the Renewal Term at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term.
- B. Unless a party provides written notice pursuant to Section 25 hereof to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term (in the absence of an effective Renewal Term) or the Renewal Term, as applicable, upon expiration of the Initial Term or Renewal Term, as applicable, this Franchise Agreement shall continue on the same terms in effect at the expiration of the Initial Term or Renewal Term, as applicable, on a month-to-month basis until terminated by the City or the Company upon not less than thirty (30) days’ written notice.

4. **Default; Remedies.**

- A. In the event that the Company commits a material breach of any of the material covenants, terms, and conditions of this Franchise Agreement, other than a breach that directly or indirectly as a result of a Force Majeure Event, the City may terminate this Franchise Agreement if the City shall first have served the Company with a written notice setting forth in reasonable detail all matters pertinent to such material breach and the action the City proposes to take with respect thereto, and the Company shall have failed within sixty (60) days after service of such notice (i) to cure such breach or, (ii) if such cure reasonably requires more than sixty (60) days to complete, to present a plan to the City to effect such cure and thereafter to complete such cure pursuant to such plan within a reasonable period of time after the City's approval of the plan. Approval of the plan by the City shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.
- B. In the event that the City commits a material breach of any of the material covenants, terms, and conditions of this Franchise Agreement, other than a breach that directly or indirectly as a result of a Force Majeure Event, the Company may terminate this Franchise Agreement if the Company shall first have served the City with a written notice setting forth in reasonable detail all matters pertinent to such material breach and the action the Company proposes to take with respect thereto, and the City shall have failed within sixty (60) days after service of such notice (i) to cure such breach or, (ii) if such cure reasonably requires more than sixty (60) days to complete, to present a plan to the Company to effect such cure and thereafter to complete such cure pursuant to such plan within a reasonable period of time after the Company's approval of the plan. Approval of the plan by the Company shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.
- C. Upon the expiration of the Initial Term or the Renewal Term, as applicable, either party, in its sole discretion, may terminate this Franchise Agreement without cause subject to, and as provided in, Section 3.B. above.
- D. Upon termination of this Franchise, the Company's obligations to pay the Franchise Fee shall terminate simultaneously therewith.

5. **Non-exclusive Franchise.** The right to use and occupy the City's Rights-of-ways for the purposes set forth herein shall not be exclusive, and the City reserves the right to grant a similar use of the City's Rights-of-ways to any other Person at any time during the period of this Franchise, so long as such grant does not interfere with the Company's rights granted hereunder. This Franchise shall grant the privilege of carrying on the business in all of the City or in part of the City, and, except as provided in Section 6 below, with no promise that there will be no competition. In the event the City grants a franchise to a competitor of the Company, the grant shall

not interfere with the Company's rights granted hereunder, including as to the physical location of improvements, except as to matters that occur as a result of competition.

6. **Competition.** As further consideration of this Franchise Agreement, the City hereby agrees that during the term of this Franchise or any extension thereof it will not engage in the business of selling, importing, distributing, transporting, transmitting, or delivering Gas or other competitive product, including propane gas and liquefied petroleum gas, or otherwise compete with the Company within the City Limits.
7. **Assignment.** Except as provided herein, this Franchise shall not be sold, leased, assigned, or otherwise alienated or disposed of (each a "Transfer") unless the City has consented to the Transfer, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned. Such consent shall be in writing provided that in the event that the City neither grants nor denies the consent in writing within forty-five (45) days after the Company's written request for the consent, then the City will be deemed to have consented to the Transfer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City's consent shall not be required for any Transfers (a) by operation of law, including, without limitation, by way of the merger or consolidation of the Company with or into any other Person, (b) Transfers in connection with the lease or sale of all or substantially all of the assets constituting the Distribution System, (c) Transfers to an affiliate of the Company, or (d) the Company's grant of a security interest, pledge or mortgage of this Franchise in connection with any loan or financing obtained, in whole or in part, for the construction, maintenance, and/or operation of the Distribution System, or the lender's exercise or enforcement of its rights with respect to such security interest, pledge, or mortgage. Upon a Transfer, the Person to whom the Franchise is transferred shall promptly file in the office of the City Clerk a duly executed instrument reciting the fact of the Transfer, accepting the terms of the Franchise, and agreeing to perform all the conditions thereof. Upon such filing, the transferor shall be released of any further obligations under this Franchise Agreement without the necessity of any further action by any Person.
8. **Compliance with Applicable Laws.** Subject to Section 10 below, the Company shall abide by all reasonable rules, regulations and ordinances which the City has in effect as of the Effective Date (collectively, the "Current Ordinances"), including, without limitation, any now existing manuals, codes or other instruments or documents applicable to or otherwise governing the City's Rights-of-way (if applicable, the "Current Manual").
9. **Deregulation.**
 - A. In the event the Company or any aspect of the Gas trade, as contemplated hereunder, is deregulated the Company shall maintain and operate its Distribution System and render efficient service in accordance with, subject to Section 10 below, such rules and regulations as are, or may be, promulgated by the City.

- B. Subject to Section 10 below, in the event the City has not promulgated rules and regulations at the time of deregulation, then, the Company shall maintain and operate its Distribution System in compliance with the rules and regulations by which they were governed prior to deregulation until such time as the City has had an opportunity to promulgate rules and regulations or passes an ordinance governing those items regulated by the Commission, governing service standards, safety standards, and quality controls.

10. Changes to Current Ordinances; Deregulation Ordinances.

- A. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Franchise Agreement, in no event shall the Company be required to abide by or be subject to any changes, amendments or modifications to the Current Ordinances or any additional or new rules, regulations, ordinances, or future exercises of the City's police power or other City actions, including, without limitation, any rules, regulations or ordinances related to deregulation of any aspect of the Gas trade (collectively, the "Additional City Requirements"), to the extent that the Company reasonably determines that any such Additional City Requirements:
 - i. are inconsistent with or are preempted by Florida law or any rules, regulations or other requirements of the Commission, Florida Department of Transportation or the U.S. Department of Transportation;
 - ii. are reasonably likely to result in a material change to the rights or obligations of the Company under this Franchise Agreement;
 - iii. are reasonably likely to result in a material increase in the Company's cost of performance under this Franchise Agreement or the cost of delivering Gas service to customers in the City;
 - iv. will materially impair the safety or functionality of the Distribution System as constructed or prevent or materially impair the Company's ability to deliver Gas service to customers in the City; or
 - v. will have the effect of singling out the Company or are not likely to be applied (or are not in fact applied) uniformly among all Persons utilizing or accessing the Rights-of-Way.
- B. Subject to Section 10(a) above and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, during any calendar year throughout the term of this Agreement, the Company shall only be required to abide by or be subject to the Current Ordinances (including, if applicable, the Current Manual) as in effect as of January 1 of that calendar year.

11. Distribution System. The Distribution System shall be erected, placed, laid, and maintained in a manner consistent with the following:

- A. The City, through its City Manager, City Engineer, or other designee, shall have the authority, but shall not be required, to supervise all construction, location, restoration, relocation, and installation work.
- B. The Company shall provide reasonable egress from and ingress to abutting property.
- C. While allowing the functioning of the Distribution System as intended by the Company and constructed, the Distribution System shall be located in the City's Rights-of-ways so as not to unreasonably obstruct, disturb or interfere, on a permanent basis, with any traffic, water flow, water pipes, sewers, drains, catch basins, pavement, sidewalk, driveways, or any other structures installed or any other function of said structures for the delivery of municipal services by the City.
- D. In the event of material damage to any drains, sewers, catch basins, water pipes, pavements or other like improvements resulting solely from the acts of the Company in erecting, placing, laying or maintaining the Distribution System, the City shall provide written notice to the Company describing in reasonable detail the damage to be repaired, and the Company shall repair such damage at its sole cost and expense and within a reasonable time after its receipt of the notice from the City to a substantially similar condition that existed prior to the damage.
- E. The Company shall give written notice of the Company's construction, location, restoration or relocation of the Distribution System to the City Engineer or the City Engineer's designee, which notice will be accompanied by plan drawings showing the proposed work. The notice shall be submitted no less than three (3) Business Days prior to commencement of work, except in the case of an emergency, in which event the notice shall be submitted as soon as reasonably practicable prior to or promptly following commencement of work, and no other application, permit, approval, or payment to the City of any plan review, inspection or other fees in connection therewith shall be required. As soon as practicable, but no more than fifteen (15) Business Days after completion of the subject work, the Company shall submit as-built drawings to the City Engineer or the City Engineer's designee, which shall complete the notice and approval requirement for said work.
- F. In the event at any time during the period of this Franchise the City shall lawfully elect to alter, or change the grade of the City's Rights-of-way, the Company, upon reasonable notice from the City, shall remove, relay, and relocate any portion of the Distribution System as is necessary at the Company's own cost and expense; provided that if the City requires that

the Company remove, disconnect, alter, relay or relocate any portion of the Distribution System to enable any other Person to use the Rights-of-way, as part of its permitting or approval process, the City shall require the Person desiring or benefiting from such removal, disconnection, alteration, relay or relocation to reimburse the Company for all losses, costs, and expenses caused by, resulting from or arising out of such removal, disconnection, alteration, relay or relocation.

12. Right to Inspect. During the term of this Franchise Agreement, the City, through its designated agent, shall have the authority to inspect the Distribution System at reasonable times and upon reasonable prior notice to ensure compliance with governing law and the Commission's regulations at the City's own cost and expense. Notwithstanding the above, the Company shall not be required to disclose information that contains trade secrets or is proprietary or confidential in nature, nor disclose books and records of any affiliate.

13. Franchise Fee. The Company shall pay the Franchise Fee to the City quarterly on January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31 of each year [DATES TO BE DISCUSSED] during the term of this Franchise based upon the Gross Revenues received for the immediately preceding calendar quarter unless otherwise agreed, commencing on the first of such dates following the Effective Date. Franchise Fee payments shall be deemed paid on time if post-marked within thirty (30) days after the applicable payment due date. Delinquent amounts shall accrue interest at the default rate of 12% per annum. In the event the Company makes any Franchise Fee payment in excess of the Franchise Fee due and owing to the City under this Franchise Agreement or if the City is otherwise indebted to the Company, the Company shall have the right to offset such overpayment and/or indebtedness against future payments of the Franchise Fee.

14. Other Fees and Taxes. Except as otherwise provided for herein, the Company shall pay to the City all legally authorized fees, taxes, assessments, and costs levied, imposed, or validly adopted by the City during the term of this Franchise Agreement, which shall include, but are not limited to public service taxes, ad valorem taxes (intangible, personal, real), occupational taxes, licensing fees, permitting fees, development review fees, and inspection fees.

15. Franchise Parity. If, during the term of this Franchise Agreement, the City, by franchise agreement or ordinance, allows other Persons who sell, import, distribute, transport, transmit or deliver Gas (the "Alternate Gas Providers") the right, privilege or franchise to erect, construct, operate, or maintain in, on or under any of the City's Rights-of-way, as they now exist or may be hereafter constructed, opened, laid out or extended within the City Limits, a Distribution System for the purpose of selling, importing, distributing, transporting, transmitting or delivering Gas to Persons in the City Limits or receiving Gas from Persons other than the Company within the City Limits, and imposes a franchise compensation obligation or equivalent on such Alternate Gas Provider for any Person that is less than the Franchise Fee imposed with respect to the same Customer under this Franchise Agreement, the Franchise Fee

under this Franchise Agreement shall be automatically reduced so that the Franchise Fee is no greater than the franchise compensation obligation or equivalent when compared on a dollars-per-therm basis. **[CONFIRM]** In the event that the City does not impose a franchise compensation obligation or equivalent on said Alternate Gas Providers, the Company's obligation to pay the Franchise Fee under this Franchise Agreement shall terminate.

16. Insurance. During the term of this Franchise Agreement, the Company shall file with the City Clerk and shall keep in full force and effect at all times during the effective period hereof, insurance certificates evidencing a general liability insurance policy or policies or evidence of self-insurance within the City Limits, as they currently exist or may exist in the future. Each such policy shall be in the minimum sum of \$5,000,000.00 for injury or death to any one person, in the minimum sum of \$5,000,000.00 for injury or death to all persons where there is more than one person involved in any one accident, and in the minimum sum of \$5,000,000.00 for damage to property resulting from any one accident. Each of the said minimum sums shall remain in full force and shall be undiminished during the Term of this Franchise Agreement. The coverage requirements set forth in this Section 16 may be satisfied, in whole or in part, with self-insurance.

17. Identification of City Residents. No less than thirty (30) days prior to the Effective Date, thereafter during the Term of this Franchise Agreement within thirty (30) days after the Company's request, the City shall deliver to the Company such information (including City Limits streets and block numbers) as is needed by the Company to determine which of its Customers are located within the City Limits. The City shall also provide the Company notice of any property annexed into or contracted from the City Limits since the Effective Date within thirty (30) days after the effectiveness of any change in said City Limits. The Company shall be relieved of any obligation to pay the Franchise Fee to the extent the City has failed to provide information in accordance with this Section 17; provided however, once such information is provided by the City, the Company shall pay the Franchise Fee accordingly, and this provision does not relieve the Company from paying the Franchise Fee concerning those Customers for which the Company has been provided such information.

18. Reciprocal Indemnification. [TO BE DISCUSSED]

- A. The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless the City and its elected or appointed officials, agents, employees, licensees, and contractors (each, a "City Indemnitee") from and against any and all liability, claims, actions, causes of action, suits, demands, damages, losses, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees and costs (collectively, "Claims") which may be brought against or suffered, sustained, paid or incurred by any City Indemnitee to the extent directly arising from or caused by:
 - i. any breach by the Company of any of the provisions of this Franchise Agreement; or

- ii. the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Company, or any of its employees, agents, licensees, or contractors (collectively and individually referred to as “Company Parties”) in the operation of the Distribution System within the City Limits.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the Company nor any Company Party shall be liable under this Section for any Claims arising out of the acts, omissions, negligence, strict liability, intentional torts, criminal acts or error of the City or its elected or appointed officials, agents, employees, licensees, contractors or subcontractors, or representatives (a “City Party”).

- B. The City shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company and its affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, stockholders, employees, agents, licensees and contractors (each, a “Company Indemnitee”) from and against any and all Claims which may be brought against or suffered, sustained, paid or incurred by the Company or any other Company Indemnitee to the extent arising from or otherwise caused by:
 - i. any breach by the City of any of the provisions of this Franchise Agreement; or
 - ii. the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the City or any City Party.
- C. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, in no event shall the City or the Company be liable under this Franchise Agreement, in any way, for any reason, for any indirect, special or consequential damages (including damages for pure economic loss, loss of profits, loss of earnings or loss of contract), howsoever caused or contributed to.
- D. Indemnification is conditioned upon the party seeking indemnification hereunder providing written notice to the indemnifying party promptly after the presentation to the party seeking indemnification of any such indemnifiable claim or demand, either by suit or otherwise, or the party seeking indemnification became aware of the claim. **[TO BE DISCUSSED]**
- E. Nothing herein is intended to act as a waiver of the City’s rights, privileges, and immunities under the doctrine of “sovereign immunity” and/or limits of liability set forth in Section 768.28 of the Florida Statutes regardless of whether any such obligations are based in tort, contract, statute, strict liability, and negligence, product liability or otherwise.
- F. The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Franchise Agreement for a period of one year.

19. Records. The Company shall maintain accounts and records in a manner consistent with Section 368.108 of the Florida Statutes and Chapter 25-7 of the Florida Administrative Code and such that the Gross Revenues within the City Limits are able to be calculated. Upon the City's good faith, reasonable request, the Company shall provide to the City copies of account information and records relevant to this Franchise Agreement. **[CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION TO BE DISCUSSED]**

20. Governing Law and Venue; JURY WAIVER. This Franchise Agreement is made pursuant to and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, without regard to the conflict of laws principles thereof. The parties hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in the State of Florida (state or federal), with venue in the county in which the City is located, for any suit or legal proceeding related to this Franchise Agreement and agree that all claims in respect of such dispute or proceeding shall be heard and determined in such courts. The parties hereby irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any objection that they may have to the venue of such dispute brought in such court or any defense of inconvenient forum for the maintenance of such dispute. THE PARTIES HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY, AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE, WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO HAVE A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF OR MATTERS RELATED TO THIS FRANCHISE.

21. Entire Agreement. This Franchise Agreement and any additional or supplementary exhibits or schedules incorporated herein by specific reference contain the entire understanding of, and all the terms and conditions agreed upon by, the parties hereto regarding the subject matter of this Franchise Agreement, and no other prior agreement, oral or otherwise, or any part thereof shall have any validity or bind any of the parties thereto.

22. Attorneys' Fees and Expenses. In the event either party initiates action to enforce its rights hereunder, the substantially prevailing party shall recover from the substantially non-prevailing party its reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, including taxed and untaxed court costs, whether suit be brought or not, and includes, without limitation, expenses incurred in any appellate or bankruptcy proceeding (including reasonable legal and investigative expenses) (collectively, Expenses"). All such Expenses shall bear interest at the highest rate allowable under the laws of the State of Florida from the date the substantially prevailing party pays such Expenses until the date the substantially non-prevailing party repays such Expenses. Expenses incurred in enforcing this Section shall be covered by this Section. For this purpose, the court is requested by the parties to award actual costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the substantially prevailing party, it being the intention of the parties that the substantially prevailing party be completely reimbursed for all such costs and fees. The parties request that inquiry by the court as to the fees and costs shall be limited to a review of whether the fees charged and hourly rates for such fees are consistent

with the fees and hourly rates routinely charged by the attorneys for the substantially prevailing party.

23. Notices. All notices and other communications under this Franchise shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when (a) delivered personally to that party, (b) sent by electronic submission with a written confirmation from the receiving party confirming receipt of the electronic submission, (c) on the fifth (5th) Business Day after being mailed by certified mail (postage prepaid and return receipt requested) to that party at the address for that party set forth below, or (d) on the day delivered by Federal Express or any similar express delivery service for delivery to that party at that address. All notices shall be addressed as follows:

If to Company: Florida Public Utilities Company
105 6th Street NW
Winter Haven, Florida 33881
Attention: Director, Natural Gas Operations
Email: kmoore@chpk.com

with a copy to: Florida Public Utilities Company
1641 Worthington Road, Suite 220
West Palm Beach, Florida 33409
Attention: Director of Regulatory Affairs
Email: mnapier@chpk.com

with a copy to: Baker & Hostetler LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2300
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attention: Jeffrey E. Decker
Email: jdecker@bakerlaw.com

If to the City: _____

Attention: _____
Email: _____

with a copy to: _____

Attention: _____
Email: _____

Notices and communications delivered to persons designated to receive copies shall not be effective notice. Any party may change its address for notices under this Franchise at any time by giving the other parties notice of such change delivered in conformity with this Section 23.

24. **Force Majeure.** No party shall be liable or responsible to the other party, or be deemed to have defaulted under or breached this Franchise Agreement, for any failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any term of this Franchise Agreement (except for any obligations to make payments to the other party hereunder unless the ability to determine the amount of or make such payment is impacted by a Force Majeure Event (as defined below)), when and to the extent such failure or delay is caused by or results from acts, occurrences or events beyond the impacted party's ("Impacted Party") reasonable control (each a "Force Majeure Event"), including, without limitation, the following : (a) acts of God or nature; (b) flood, fire, earthquake, explosion or other casualty; (c) other potential disasters or catastrophes including epidemics, pandemics and quarantines, (d) war, invasion, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), terrorist threats or acts, riot, or other civil unrest; (e) government order, law, order (including judicial order) or actions; (f) embargoes, or blockades in effect on or after the Effective Date; (f) national or regional emergency; (g) strikes, labor stoppages or slowdowns, labor disputes, or other industrial disturbances; and (h) telecommunication breakdowns, power outages or shortages, lack of warehouse or storage space, inadequate transportation services, or inability or delay in obtaining supplies of adequate or suitable materials. The Impacted Party shall give notice within ten (10) days (or as promptly thereafter as reasonably practicable) of the Force Majeure Event to the other party, stating the period of time the occurrence is expected to continue if reasonably determinable. The Impacted Party shall use commercially reasonable efforts to resume performance as soon as reasonably practicable after the termination of the Force Majeure Event. In no event shall any failure or delay in performance or default by Company due to a Force Majeure Event constitute a grounds for termination of this Franchise.
25. **Non-waiver.** The failure of any party to insist in any one or more instances upon the strict performance of any one or more of the terms or provisions of this Franchise Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for future of any such term or provision, and the same shall continue in full force and effect. No waiver or relinquishment shall be deemed to have been made by either party unless said waiver or relinquishment is in writing and signed by both parties.
26. **Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Franchise Agreement is for any reason held invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional by any court of a competent jurisdiction, such subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof. **[TO BE DISCUSSED]**
27. **Scrivener's Error.** Sections of this Franchise Agreement may be renumbered or relettered and the correction of typographical and/or scrivener's errors which do not affect the intent may be authorized by the City Manager or his designee,

without need for a public hearing, by filing a corrected or recodified copy of same with the City Clerk.

- 28. Ordinances Repealed.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Franchise Agreement, including any previous franchise agreements between the City and the Company (and any ordinances approving the same) are hereby repealed as of the Effective Date and replaced by this Franchise Agreement and ordinance.

INTRODUCED on first reading this ____ day of _____, 20__.

PASSED on second reading this ____ day of _____, 20__.

CITY OF _____, FLORIDA

MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE BY THE COMPANY

I, the undersigned official of Florida Public Utilities Company, am authorized to bind the Company and to unconditionally accept the terms and conditions of the foregoing Franchise (Ordinance No. _____), which are hereby accepted by the Company this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Florida Public Utilities Company

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public in and for the State of Florida
My commission expires _____

Received on behalf of the City this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida

Town Commission Agenda Memorandum

Michelle Heiser, Town Manager
Christy Goddeau, Town Attorney
Kelly Avery, Town Clerk

Subject: Discussion on Future Charter Change - Commission Term Limits

Changing the Town Charter is a policy and governance decision which involves the electorate. The current term-limit language was adopted by voter referendum on March 12, 2019 via Ordinance 642. The certified 2019 results confirm that the term-limit amendment was approved by the electorate. The Charter now places a structural cap on voter discretion. This discussion is not about favoring permanence over change. Rather, it is about who should decide.

Term limits transfer decision-making authority away from the voters of the present and place it in the hands of a past electorate. Restoring the Charter’s original intent would return that authority to current voters, allowing them to retain experienced leadership when warranted or to choose change at the ballot box based on today’s conditions, priorities, and trust.

In practical terms, this ensures that governance reflects the needs and judgment of the community as it exists now, not as it existed at a single moment in the past.

Current Charter Language and Its Effect

What the Charter Currently Provides

Under Section 3.03 (“Election and Terms”):

- A Commissioner may not serve **more than three (3) consecutive three-year terms**.
- A **minimum one-year hiatus** is required after serving the maximum consecutive terms.
- Any resignation or forfeiture during a term counts as a full term.
- The provision applies to terms beginning with the March 2019 election.

Practical Effect of the Current Provision

The effect is structural, not discretionary:

- The Charter automatically disqualifies a sitting Commissioner after three consecutive terms — regardless of voter support.
- The one-year hiatus requirement means an experienced Commissioner cannot immediately return even if voters request continuity.
- Multiple seats could be forced to turn over simultaneously if eligibility timelines align.
- Institutional knowledge may be reduced at fixed intervals, independent of project cycles or financing milestones.

23 Potential Paths for Voter Consideration of a Charter Amendment

Under Florida Statutes and the Town Charter, amendments must be approved by referendum.

There are several procedural options the Commission could consider:

Option A – Commission-Initiated Referendum (Single Issue)

The Commission may adopt an ordinance placing a proposed Charter amendment on the ballot, similar to the 2018 process used for Ordinance 642.

This would:

- Require two readings of the ordinance.
- Include ballot title and question language.
- Be transmitted to the Supervisor of Elections.
- Require majority voter approval to become effective.

This is the most direct and administratively efficient route.

Option B – Charter Review Committee Recommendation

The Commission could:

- Reappoint or reconvene a Charter Review Committee.
- Charge the Committee with evaluating term limits within a broader governance framework.
- Bring forward recommendations for Commission consideration.

This path signals deliberation and community input, but extends the timeline.

Option C – Broader Charter Package

The Town could bundle term limits with other structural or governance amendments for voter consideration in a single election cycle.

Consideration:

- Stand-alone questions are often clearer to voters.
- Combining issues can complicate ballot interpretation.

The 2019 ballot separated amendments into individual questions - which may serve as a precedent for clarity.

Option D – No Action

The Commission may determine that the current framework continues to reflect community will and take no further action.

Staff is working through a few key items to confirm with the Supervisor of Elections:

- Next available municipal election date
- Deadline for ballot language submission
- Publication requirements
- Cost of stand-alone vs. concurrent ballot placement
- Voter turnout patterns in municipal vs. general cycles

Historically, Ocean Ridge placed Charter questions on the March municipal ballot.

ONE MORE THING....Tie-Breaking Mechanism – Coin Flip vs. Voter Resolution

Under the current Charter, a tie vote in a municipal election is resolved by a coin flip conducted by the Town Clerk.

Structural Effect

- Election outcome may be determined by chance.
- No additional voter input is required.
- Resolution is immediate but non-participatory.

Alternative Governance Models

- Automatic recount → runoff election
- Public drawing of lots (formalized process)
- Special runoff within defined timeframe

Policy Question

Should a tied election — however rare — be resolved administratively or returned to voters for a decisive majority?

In a small community, even symbolic procedural choices affect public confidence and perception of legitimacy.

Staff recommends the discussion to review impacts and the potential paths for voter considerations of a Charter Amendment. Staff requests direction on how to move forward with Ordinance 642 (term limits) and Ordinance 639 - (language regarding how to break a tie) Section 6 - Amendment, which speaks to Section 5.05 of the Town Charter which reads "in the case of a tie vote, the winner shall be declared by the flipping of a coin by the Town Clerk".

**Suggested Motion: After discussion, I offer the following direction to
staff _____ and/or move to (1) approve _____ / (2) take no action
_____ (3) other _____**

Respectfully,
Michelle Heiser, Town Manager
Christy Goddeau, Town Attorney
Kelly Avery, Town Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 639

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE TOWN CHARTER; AMENDING ARTICLE III “LEGISLATIVE”, SECTION 3.02 “QUALIFICATIONS”, TO MODIFY CANDIDATE QUALIFYING PERIODS AND TO REMOVE LANGUAGE REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS AND A FORFEITURE PROCESS; AMENDING SECTION 3.03 “ELECTION AND TERMS”, TO MODIFY THE START OF A COMMISSION TERM AND THE DATE OF THE ELECTION; AMENDING ARTICLE V “NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS”, SECTION 5.01 “ELECTORS”, TO PROVIDE THAT ELECTORS MUST ALSO MEET TOWN REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 5.04 “FORM OF BALLOT”, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORM OF BALLOTS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY LAW; AMENDING SECTION 5.05 “ELECTIONS”, TO PROVIDE FOR A CHANGE IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATE TO COINCIDE WITH COUNTYWIDE OR STATEWIDE ELECTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF A TIE VOTE; AMENDING ARTICLE VII “FINANCE AND TAXATION”, SECTION 7.02 “FUND TRANSFERS; FUND EQUITY”, TO CORRECT CERTAIN SPELLING ERRORS; ESTABLISHING THE DATE OF MARCH 12, 2019, FOR THE REFERENDUM; PROVIDING A BALLOT TITLE AND QUESTION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida (the “Town”), is a duly constituted municipality having such power and authority conferred upon it by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §166.021 and §166.031, Fla. Stat., the Town of Ocean Ridge Town Charter (the “Charter”) may be amended through the Town’s exercise of its authority, including the amendment of those portions of its Charter which require a referendum, provided that a majority of the electors in a referendum affirmatively vote to amend the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission appointed a Charter Review Committee who met on several occasions at duly noticed public meetings and recommended several amendments to the Town Charter; and

WHEREAS, §166.031, Fla. Stat. authorizes the governing body of a municipality to submit proposed amendments to the Charter of the municipality in the form of an ordinance to the electors

of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, §100.342, Fla. Stat., requires that the Town publish two (2) notices in a newspaper of general circulation in Palm Beach County, evidencing the Town's intention to determine whether a majority of the qualified electors of the Town approve of the proposed amendments to the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Town shall comply with the notice requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that the holding of a referendum on the amendments to the Charter set forth below (the "Referendum") furthers the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents and citizens of the Town.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 – Findings of Fact: The **WHEREAS** clauses set forth above are adopted herein as findings of fact.

SECTION 2 – Amendment: Town Charter, Article III "Legislative", Section 3.02 "Qualifications", is amended to read as follows:

Section 3.02. - Qualifications.

Any elector of the Town shall be eligible to hold the office of Town Commissioner. The qualifying periods for candidate for Commissioner shall be regulated by Article V of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town.~~The Commission shall be the judge of the election and qualifications of its members and of the grounds for forfeiture of their office. A member charged with conduct constituting grounds for forfeiture of his office shall be entitled to a public hearing on demand, and notice of such hearing shall be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the Town at least one (1) week in advance of the hearing.~~

SECTION 3 – Amendment: Town Charter, Article III "Legislative", Section 3.03 "Election and terms", is amended to read as follows:

Section 3.03. - Election and terms.

The Commissioners shall hold office for a term of three (3) years beginning immediately after the official certification of the results of the election ~~at noon on the third day after their election~~ and shall continue in office until their term expires and until their successors are elected and qualified. There shall be an annual election of a Commissioner or Commissioners in the manner prescribed in Article V of this Charter, on the second Tuesday in ~~February~~ March of each year (unless this date is required to be changed, by law, to a date concurrent with any countywide or

statewide election or other date), to fill the vacancy or vacancies occasioned by the expiration or early termination (voluntary or involuntary) of the terms of the office of Commissioners.

SECTION 4 – Amendment: Town Charter, Article V “Nominations and Elections”, Section 5.01 “Electors”, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5.01. - Electors.

Any person who is a resident of the Town who has qualified as an elector of this state and the Town, and who registers in the manner prescribed by ~~general~~ law, shall be an elector of the Town.

SECTION 5 – Amendment: Town Charter, Article V “Nominations and Elections”, Section 5.04 “Form of Ballots”, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5.04. - Form of ballots.

~~The Commission by ordinance shall prescribe the form of the ballot, including the method of listing candidates for Town Commission election, and any other Town election shall conform to the form of ballots prescribed by law, however, the ballot shall contain no mark or other designation of affiliation of any candidate with any political party or other association or organization. A Charter amendment to be voted on by the Town shall be presented for voting by ballot title. The ballot title of a measure may differ from its legal title and shall be a clear, concise statement describing the substance of the measure without argument or prejudice. Below the ballot title shall appear the following question: "Shall the above described (ordinance) (amendment) be adopted?" Immediately below such question shall appear, in the following order, the word "For Yes" and also the word "Against No" with a sufficient blank space thereafter for the placing of the symbol "X" to indicate the voter's choice.~~

SECTION 6 – Amendment: Town Charter, Article V “Nominations and Elections”, Section 5.05 “Elections”, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5.05. - Elections.

Annual Town elections shall be held on the second Tuesday in ~~February~~ March (unless this date is required to be changed, by law, to a date concurrent with any countywide or statewide election or other date). The election of candidates for the office of Commissioners shall be determined solely on the basis of a plurality of votes cast at the annual election and not be a run-off system of voting. In the case of a tie vote, the winner shall be declared by the flipping of a coin by the Town Clerk.

Procedures to be followed in voting for candidates running for the office of commissioner will depend upon the following: (1) Commission seats vacated by the expiration of the three (3) year term of office; and (2) the early termination or vacancy of a three (3) year term of office caused either voluntarily or involuntarily. Thus, if only one (1) commission seat has expired and is available at the time of an annual election, the candidate receiving the largest number of votes cast shall be declared elected to that commission seat. However, if, for example, two (2) commission seats have expired and are available and one (1) commission seat has been terminated

early or vacated, either voluntarily or involuntarily, and is available at the time of annual election, then the two candidates receiving the largest and next to largest number of votes cast shall be declared to be elected for the two (2) commission seats that have expired in an ordinary manner while the candidate receiving the next largest number or third largest number of votes cast, shall be declared elected for the commission seat terminated early or vacated, and said elected candidate shall serve for the remaining time in this unexpired term of office.

If, for any reason, an elected candidate refused to acknowledge or accept the campaign seat or term of office which he has been elected to, then that commission seat and term of office shall be awarded to the candidate who received the next largest number of votes cast at the annual election, ~~whether the campaign seat or term of office be for Town Commissioner or for Town Mayor.~~

SECTION 7 – Amendment: Town Charter, Article VII “Finance and Taxation”, Section 7.02 “Fund transfers; fund equity”, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7.02. - Fund transfers; fund equity.

The Town Commission, subject to other provisions of law, may transfer equity from one fund to another fund by Resolution. All undesignated fund equity from the prior fiscal year shall be appropriated in one of the funds established herein. Said appropriations shall be made at least annually, by Resolution, at the time of adoption of the general ~~milage~~ [millage] as established by law.

SECTION 8. In accordance with the Florida Constitution, Chapters 101 and 166, Florida Statutes, as amended, the Charter and the Code of Ordinances of the Town, the amendments to the Town Charter contained herein shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, for the purpose of determining the question of whether the amendments set forth in sections 2 through 7 shall be adopted.

SECTION 9. A Referendum Election shall be held in the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, on the 12th day of March, 2019, to determine whether or not a majority of the qualified electors of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, support the proposed amendments to the Town ’s Charter as set forth above in sections 2 through 7 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. The Supervisor of Elections of Palm Beach County, Florida, shall determine polling locations or places, and all qualified electors of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, who vote in the Referendum, shall vote at those designated polling places. The polls shall be opened on the date of the Referendum on the proposed Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Charter

Amendments from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the same day. Only the duly qualified electors of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, shall be permitted to vote on this Referendum question.

SECTION 11. The Ballot Title shall be as follows:

“OCEAN RIDGE CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO ADDRESS VARIOUS HOUSEKEEPING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES”

SECTION 12. The following question shall be placed on a ballot for consideration by the qualified electors of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida. The election ballot question shall read as follows:

SHALL OCEAN RIDGE AMEND ITS CHARTER TO ADDRESS VARIOUS HOUSEKEEPING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES RELATING TO QUALIFYING PERIODS, FORFEITURE OF OFFICE, COMMENCEMENT DATE OF COMMISSION TERMS, DATE OF ELECTION, QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS, FORM OF BALLOTS AND CORRECTING SPELLING ERRORS?

YES _____

NO _____

SECTION 13. The Town Clerk of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the Referendum Election in accordance with the Town Charter and Code of Ordinances, and any other applicable law.

SECTION 14. Codification. In the event these proposed amendments are approved by referendum, the amendments set forth in sections 2 through 7 shall become and be made a part of the Town Charter of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida. The Articles or Sections of these Charter amendments may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such.

SECTION 15. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 16. Repeal of Laws in Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 17. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption. The

provisions of Sections 2 through 7 of this ordinance shall only be effective upon the affirmative vote of the Town electorate approving such measures.

FIRST READING this 1st day of October, 2018.


SECOND AND FINAL READING this 5th day of November, 2018.

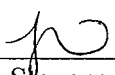
Commissioner Bonfiglio offered the foregoing Ordinance, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Besler and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

STEVE COZ, Mayor	<u>Aye</u>
DON MAGRUDER, Vice Mayor	<u>Aye</u>
PHILIP BESLER, Commissioner	<u>Aye</u>
JAMES A. BONFIGLIO, Commissioner	<u>Aye</u>
KRISTINE DE HASETH, Commissioner	<u>Aye</u>

The Mayor thereupon declared this Ordinance approved and adopted by the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, on second reading, this 5th day of November, 2018.

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA

BY: 
Steve Coz, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Tracey L. Stevens, Town Clerk

OFFICIAL RESULTS
Cumulative Totals

PALM BEACH

REGISTRATION & TURNOUT		PALM BEACH	
Total Registration	281 of 281	289,386	
Precinct Ballots Cast	31,166	10.77%	
Precinct ADA Ballots Cast	0	0.00%	
Absentee Ballots Cast	15,971	5.52%	
Early Voting Ballots Cast	0	0.00%	
Early Voting ADA Ballots Cast	0	0.00%	
Provisional Ballots Cast	54	0.02%	

Town Commissioner - OCEAN RIDGE	
Completed Precincts	1 of 1
Under Votes:	207
Over Votes:	0
- Steve Coz	320 44.38%
- Susan H. Hurlburt	243 33.70%
- John Lipscomb	158 21.91%

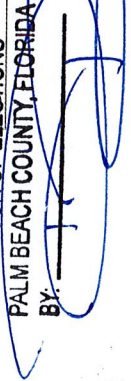
Ocean Ridge Question 1	
Completed Precincts	1 of 1
Under Votes:	40
Over Votes:	2
YES	346 81.99%
NO	76 18.01%

Ocean Ridge Question 2	
Completed Precincts	1 of 1
Under Votes:	35
Over Votes:	0
YES	250 58.28%
NO	179 41.72%

Ocean Ridge Question 3	
Completed Precincts	1 of 1
Under Votes:	56
Over Votes:	3
YES	320 79.01%
NO	85 20.99%

Ocean Ridge Question 4	
Completed Precincts	1 of 1
Under Votes:	45
Over Votes:	1
YES	314 75.12%
NO	104 24.88%


STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH
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HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, THIS 15 DAY OF
March, 2019.

WENDY SARTORY LINK
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: 

Town Commissioner - OCEAN RIDGE

		Registered	Ballots Cast	Turnout (%)	Steve Coz	Susan H. Hurlburt	John Lipscomb	Over Votes	Under Votes				
4028	TC-Absentee	1624	105	6.47	80	46	26		58				
4028	TC-Precinct	1624	359	22.11	240	197	132		149				
4028	TC-Precinct ADA	1624	0	0.00									
4028	TC-Provisional	1624	0	0.00									
	TC-Absentee	1624	105	6.47	80	46	26		58				
	TC-Precinct	1624	359	22.11	240	197	132		149				
	TC-Precinct ADA	1624	0	0.00									
	TC-Provisional	1624	0	0.00									
	Contest Total	1624	464	28.57	320	243	158		207				

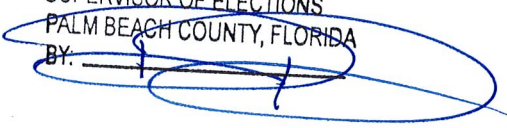
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 PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
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Ocean Ridge Question 1

		Registered	Ballots Cast	Turnout (%)	YES	NO	Over Votes	Under Votes						
4028	TC-Absentee	1624	105	6.47	71	16	2	16						
4028	TC-Precinct	1624	359	22.11	275	60		24						
4028	TC-Precinct ADA	1624	0	0.00										
4028	TC-Provisional	1624	0	0.00										
	TC-Absentee	1624	105	6.47	71	16	2	16						
	TC-Precinct	1624	359	22.11	275	60		24						
	TC-Precinct ADA	1624	0	0.00										
	TC-Provisional	1624	0	0.00										
	Contest Total	1624	464	28.57	346	76	2	40						

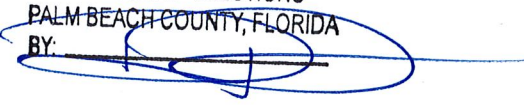
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 PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
 BY: 

Ocean Ridge Question 2

		Registered	Ballots Cast	Turnout (%)	YES	NO	Over Votes	Under Votes					
4028	TC-Absentee	1624	105	6.47	53	39		13					
4028	TC-Precinct	1624	359	22.11	197	140		22					
4028	TC-Precinct ADA	1624	0	0.00									
4028	TC-Provisional	1624	0	0.00									
	TC-Absentee	1624	105	6.47	53	39		13					
	TC-Precinct	1624	359	22.11	197	140		22					
	TC-Precinct ADA	1624	0	0.00									
	TC-Provisional	1624	0	0.00									
	Contest Total	1624	464	28.57	250	179		35					


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WENDY SARTORY LINK
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 PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
 BY: 

Ocean Ridge Question 3

		Registered	Ballots Cast	Turnout (%)	YES	NO	Over Votes	Under Votes						
4028	TC-Absentee	1624	105	6.47	66	16	1	22						
4028	TC-Precinct	1624	359	22.11	254	69	2	34						
4028	TC-Precinct ADA	1624	0	0.00										
4028	TC-Provisional	1624	0	0.00										
	TC-Absentee	1624	105	6.47	66	16	1	22						
	TC-Precinct	1624	359	22.11	254	69	2	34						
	TC-Precinct ADA	1624	0	0.00										
	TC-Provisional	1624	0	0.00										
	Contest Total	1624	464	28.57	320	85	3	56						

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 PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
 BY: 

Ocean Ridge Question 4

		Registered	Ballots Cast	Turnout (%)	YES	NO	Over Votes	Under Votes						
4028	TC-Absentee	1624	105	6.47	61	26	1	17						
4028	TC-Precinct	1624	359	22.11	253	78		28						
4028	TC-Precinct ADA	1624	0	0.00										
4028	TC-Provisional	1624	0	0.00										
	TC-Absentee	1624	105	6.47	61	26	1	17						
	TC-Precinct	1624	359	22.11	253	78		28						
	TC-Precinct ADA	1624	0	0.00										
	TC-Provisional	1624	0	0.00										
	Contest Total	1624	464	28.57	314	104	1	45						

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 COUNTY OF PALM BEACH
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 PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
FROM: R. BRIAN SHUTT, TOWN ATTORNEY
RE: PROPOSED ORDINANCE 642 REGARDING TERM LIMITS FOR THE TOWN COMMISSION
DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2018

The Town Commission appointed a Charter Review Committee to review the Town's charter and make recommendations regarding changes to the Town Commission.

The major changes to the charter proposed by this ordinance that were previously presented to the Town Commission at their October 1 meeting, were as follows:

Sec. 3.03 – language is added to provide that a commissioner may not hold office for more than 3 consecutive 3 year terms, unless the person takes a 3 year break from office. It is also provided that any term which ends in a resignation or forfeiture shall count as a full term.

This ordinance was reviewed by the Charter Review Committee at its September 27, 2018 meeting and recommended approval.

The Commission at its October 1, 2018 meeting gave direction to reduce the 3 year break in office down to 1 year. That change has been made in this version.

If this Ordinance is adopted on 2nd and final reading the proposed ballot language will be sent to the Supervisor of Elections to be placed on the March 12, 2019 election. If the Ordinance is approved by referendum it will then be effective.

Please call if you have any questions regarding this item.

SAMPLE BALLOT / MUESTRA DE BOLETA

YOUR POLLING LOCATION is listed on your Voter ID Card. You must notify the Elections Office if you move from the address listed on your Voter ID Card. If you are unsure of the polling location of your new Precinct, call 561-656-6200.

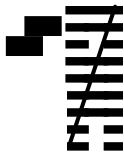
The polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P. M. on Election Day.

SU CENTRO ELECTORAL está nombrado en su Tarjeta de Identificación Electoral. Tendrá que informar a la Oficina de Elecciones si se muda de la dirección nombrada en su Tarjeta de Identificación Electoral. Si no está seguro del lugar donde debe votar en su nuevo distrito electoral, llame al 561-656-6200.

LAS URNAS ESTAN ABIERTAS DE LAS 7 AM A LAS 7 PM EL DIA DE LAS ELECCIONES.

CURRENT AND VALID PICTURE AND SIGNATURE ID IS REQUIRED when you go to your polling place to vote. Each elector is required to present a current and valid Florida Driver's License, a Florida Identification Card, or any other acceptable picture ID listed under F.S. 101.043.

SE REQUIERE IDENTIFICACION VALIDA Y VIGENTE CON SU FOTOGRAFIA Y FIRMA cuando usted va a los centros de votación a emitir su voto. Cada elector debera presentar la licencia de conducir de la Florida, Tarjeta de identificación de la Florida válida y vigente o cualquier otra identificación con foto aceptable bajo la lista del FS 101.043.



Official Ballot
Boleta Oficial
Town of Ocean Ridge - General Election
Ciudad de Ocean Ridge - Elección General
March 12, 2019
12 de Marzo de 2019
Palm Beach County, Florida
Condado de Palm Beach, Florida

Instructions: To vote, connect the head and tail of the arrow pointing to your choice next to your choice. Use a black or blue pen. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.
Instrucciones: Para votar, conecte la punta y la cola de la flecha que señala su elección al lado de su elección. Utilice un lapicero de tinta negro o azul. Si comete un error, pida una boleta nueva. No tache o no se podrá contar su voto.

Town of Ocean Ridge
Ciudad de Ocean Ridge
Town Commissioner
Comisionado Municipal
(Vote for up to Two)
(Vote por hasta Dos)
Steve Coz
Susan H. Hurlburt
John Lipscomb

OCEAN RIDGE CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO ADDRESS VARIOUS HOUSEKEEPING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

SHALL OCEAN RIDGE AMEND ITS CHARTER TO ADDRESS VARIOUS HOUSEKEEPING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES RELATING TO QUALIFYING PERIODS, FORFEITURE OF OFFICE, COMMENCEMENT DATE OF COMMISSION TERMS, DATE OF ELECTION, QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS, FORM OF BALLOTS AND CORRECTING SPELLING ERRORS?

ENMIENDAS A LOS ESTATUTOS DE OCEAN RIDGE PARA TRATAR VARIOS ASUNTOS DE LAS TAREAS DE LIMPIEZA Y ASUNTOS ADMINISTRATIVOS

¿DEBERÁ OCEAN RIDGE ENMENDAR SU CARTA CONSTITUCIONAL PARA ABORDAR DIVERSOS ASUNTOS ADMINISTRATIVOS Y DE DEPURACION EN LO QUE SE REFIERE A PERIODOS PARA CALIFICAR, PERDIDA DEL CARGO, FECHA DE INICIO DE LOS MANDATOS DE LA COMISION, FECHA DE LA ELECCION, CALIFICACION DE LOS ELECTORES, FORMATO DE LAS BALOTAS Y CORRECCION DE ERRORES DE ORTOGRAFIA?

Yes
SI
No
No

OCEAN RIDGE CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO ADDRESS THE TOWN MANAGER'S POWERS AND DUTIES

SHALL OCEAN RIDGE AMEND ITS CHARTER TO CLARIFY TOWN MANAGERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE RESIDENTS; MODIFY THE VOTES REQUIRED TO APPOINT, REMOVE OR COMPENSATE TOWN MANAGERS; PROVIDE THE TOWN MANAGER WITH AUTHORITY TO HIRE AND REMOVE EMPLOYEES, WITHOUT CONFIRMATION OR APPEAL BY OR TO THE COMMISSION, BUT REQUIRING COMMISSION APPROVAL FOR TERMINATION OF THE POLICE CHIEF, AND DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A SUSPENDED POLICE EMPLOYEE IS ENTITLED TO A TOWN MANAGER HEARING?

ENMIENDAS A LOS ESTATUTOS DE OCEAN RIDGE PARA TRATAR ASUNTOS DE LOS PODERES Y DEBERES DEL ADMINISTRADOR MUNICIPAL

¿DEBERÁ OCEAN RIDGE ENMENDAR SU CARTA CONSTITUCIONAL PARA CLARIFICAR QUE NO SE REQUIERE QUE LOS GESTORES MUNICIPALES SEAN RESIDENTES; PARA MODIFICAR LOS VOTOS REQUERIDOS PARA NOMBRAR, DESPEDIR O COMPENSAR A LOS GESTORES MUNICIPALES; DARLE PODER AL GESTOR MUNICIPAL PARA CONTRATAR Y DESPEDIR EMPLEADOS, SIN CONFIRMACION NI APELACION POR PARTE DE LA COMISION NI A ELLA, PERO QUE SE REQUIERA APROBACION PARA DESPEDIR AL JEFE DE LA POLICIA; Y PARA ELIMINAR EL REQUERIMIENTO QUE UN EMPLEADO DE LA POLICIA QUE HAYA SIDO SUSPENDIDO TIENE DERECHO A UNA AUDIENCIA CON EL GESTOR MUNICIPAL?

Yes
SI
No
No

OCEAN RIDGE CHARTER AMENDMENTS REGARDING PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE TOWN COMMISSION

SHALL OCEAN RIDGE AMEND ITS CHARTER TO MODIFY THE SELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR; TO MODIFY COMMISSION VACANCIES, FORFEITURE OF OFFICE, THE FILLING OF VACANCIES AND TO ADD A PROVISION ON SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE; TO INCREASE SPECIAL MEETING MINIMUM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THREE AFFIRMATIVE VOTES, BY THE COMMISSION, ARE REQUIRED FOR ANY APPROVAL?

ENMIENDAS A LOS ESTATUTOS DE OCEAN RIDGE CON RELACION A LOS PROCEDIMIENTOS QUE GOBIERNAN LA ADMINISTRACION MUNICIPAL ¿DEBERÁ OCEAN RIDGE ENMENDAR SU CARTA CONSTITUCIONAL PARA MODIFICAR LA SELECCION DE ALCALDE Y VICE-ALCALDE; PARA MODIFICAR LAS VACANTES DE LA COMISION, LA PERDIDA DEL CARGO POR INCUMPLIMIENTO, PARA CUBRIR LAS VACANTES Y PARA AUMENTAR UNA DISPOSICION CON RESPECTO A LA SUSPENSION DEL CARGO; PARA AUMENTAR LOS REQUERIMIENTOS MINIMOS DE NOTIFICACION PARA REUNIONES ESPECIALES; Y PARA DISPONER QUE SE REQUIERA TRES VOTOS AFIRMATIVOS DE LA COMISION PARA CUALQUIER APROBACION?

Yes
SI
No
No

OCEAN RIDGE CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR TERM LIMITS FOR THE TOWN COMMISSION

SHALL OCEAN RIDGE AMEND ITS CHARTER TO PROVIDE THAT A COMMISSIONER MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS, OF THREE YEARS EACH, UNLESS THERE IS, AT A MINIMUM, A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AT THE END OF A TERM IN WHICH THE PERSON DOES NOT SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER?

ENMIENDAS A LOS ESTATUTOS DE OCEAN RIDGE PARA ESTABLECER LIMITES DE MANDATO PARA LA ADMINISTRACION MUNICIPAL ¿DEBERÁ OCEAN RIDGE ENMENDAR SU CARTA CONSTITUCIONAL PARA DISPONER QUE UN COMISIONADO NO PUEDE EJERCER EL CARGO MÁS DE TRES MANDATOS CONSECUTIVOS, DE TRES AÑOS CADA UNO, A MENOS QUE HAYA, COMO MÍNIMO UN PERIODO DE UN AÑO AL FINAL DE UN MANDATO EN EL CUAL DICHA PERSONA NO HAYA EJERCIDO COMO COMISIONADO?

Yes
SI
No
No



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ORDINANCE NO. 642

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE TOWN CHARTER; AMENDING ARTICLE III “LEGISLATIVE”, SECTION 3.03 “ELECTION AND TERMS”, TO PROVIDE FOR TERM LIMITS NOT TO EXCEED THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS AND TO PROVIDE THAT A ONE YEAR HIATUS MUST OCCUR IF A PERSON HAS SERVED THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CONSECUTIVE TERMS; ESTABLISHING THE DATE OF MARCH 12, 2019, FOR THE REFERENDUM; PROVIDING A BALLOT TITLE AND QUESTION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida (the “Town”), is a duly constituted municipality having such power and authority conferred upon it by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 166.021 and § 166.031, Fla. Stat., the Town of Ocean Ridge Town Charter (the “Charter”) may be amended through the Town’s exercise of its authority, including the amendment of those portions of its Charter which require a referendum, provided that a majority of the electors in a referendum affirmatively vote to amend the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission appointed a Charter Review Committee who met on several occasions at duly noticed public meetings and recommended several amendments to the Town Charter; and

WHEREAS, §166.031, Fla. Stat. authorizes the governing body of a municipality to submit proposed amendments to the Charter of the municipality in the form of an ordinance to the electors of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, §100.342, Fla. Stat., requires that the Town publish two (2) notices in a newspaper of general circulation in Palm Beach County, evidencing the Town’s intention to determine whether a majority of the qualified electors of the Town approve of the proposed amendments to the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Town shall comply with the notice requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that the holding of a referendum on the amendments to the Charter set forth below (the “Referendum”) furthers the public health, safety

and general welfare of the residents and citizens of the Town.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 – Findings of Fact: The **WHEREAS** clauses set forth above are adopted herein as findings of fact.

SECTION 2 – Amendment: Town Charter, Article III “Legislative”, Section 3.03 “Election and terms”, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3.03. – Election and terms.

(a)

(b) Term limit.

1. Individual Commissioners shall be prohibited from holding office for more than three (3) consecutive terms. This term limit shall commence with terms beginning with the March 2019 municipal election. The term "holding office" shall be defined as serving as a Commissioner. The term "consecutive terms" shall not include any time served as a result of an appointment or having been elected to a partial term to fill a vacancy.

2. A person who has served the maximum amount of consecutive terms allowed by this Charter as a Commissioner shall not assume office again until one (1) year has expired following the completion of his/her last term of office. The resignation from, or forfeiture of, the office of Commissioner during any part of the three (3) year elective term shall be deemed to constitute a full and complete term under this section.

SECTION 3. In accordance with the Florida Constitution, Chapters 101 and 166, Florida Statutes, as amended, the Charter and the Code of Ordinances of the Town, the amendments to the Town Charter contained herein shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, for the purpose of determining the question of whether the amendments set forth in section 2 shall be adopted.

SECTION 4. A Referendum Election shall be held in the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, on the 12th day of March, 2019, to determine whether or not a majority of the qualified electors of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, support the proposed amendments to the Town ’s Charter as set forth above in section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. The Supervisor of Elections of Palm Beach County, Florida, shall determine polling locations or places, and all qualified electors of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, who vote in the Referendum, shall vote at those designated polling places. The polls shall be opened on the date of the Referendum on the proposed Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Charter Amendments from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the same day. Only the duly qualified electors of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, shall be permitted to vote in this Referendum question.

SECTION 6. The Ballot Title shall be as follows:

“OCEAN RIDGE CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR TERM LIMITS FOR THE TOWN COMMISSION”

SECTION 7. The following question shall be placed on a ballot for consideration by the qualified electors of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida. The election ballot question shall read as follows:

SHALL OCEAN RIDGE AMEND ITS CHARTER TO PROVIDE THAT A COMMISSIONER MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS, OF THREE YEARS EACH, UNLESS THERE IS, AT A MINIMUM, A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AT THE END OF A TERM IN WHICH THE PERSON DOES NOT SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER?

YES _____

NO _____

SECTION 8. The Town Clerk of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the Referendum Election in accordance with the Town Charter and Code of Ordinances, and any other applicable law.

SECTION 9. Codification. In the event these proposed amendments are approved by referendum, the amendments set forth in section 2 shall become and be made a part of the Town Charter of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida. The Articles or Sections of these Charter amendments may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such.

SECTION 10. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall

not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 11. Repeal of Laws in Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 12. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption. The provisions of Section 2 of this ordinance shall only be effective upon the affirmative vote of the Town electorate approving such measures.

FIRST READING this 18th day of October, 2018.

SECOND AND FINAL READING this 5th day of November, 2018.

Commissioner MaGruder offered the foregoing Ordinance, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner de Haseth and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

STEVE COZ, Mayor	<u>Aye</u>
DON MAGRUDER, Vice Mayor	<u>Aye</u>
PHILIP BESLER, Commissioner	<u>Nay</u>
JAMES A. BONFIGLIO, Commissioner	<u>Nay</u>
KRISTINE DE HASETH, Commissioner	<u>Aye</u>

The Mayor thereupon declared this Ordinance approved and adopted by the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, on second reading, this 5th day of November, 2018.

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA
BY: [Signature]
Steve Coz, Mayor

ATTEST: [Signature]
Tracey L. Stevens, Town Clerk

To: Mayor and Town Commission

From: Town Manager

Re: Consideration of Elected Official Term Limits, Charter Intent, and Long-Term Governance Capacity

Date: February 2, 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to invite a policy discussion regarding the Town's current term-limit provisions for elected officials and whether they continue to serve the original intent of the Charter and the best interests of Ocean Ridge at this point in time.

Background

In March 2019, Ocean Ridge adopted term limits for elected officials through a voter-approved charter amendment. While the intent may have been to encourage civic participation and prevent entrenchment, the practical effect of term limits is to fix governance outcomes based on the will of voters at a single point in time - effectively the 2019 electorate - rather than allowing today's and tomorrow's voters to decide who should represent them.

Importantly, the original Charter does not restrict who may serve as a commissioner beyond basic eligibility requirements, including residency and voter status within the Town. That framework placed trust squarely with the *current electorate* to determine who is best suited to govern at any given moment.

Issue for Consideration

As Ocean Ridge enters a significant, multi-year capital improvement cycle, governance continuity takes on heightened importance. Large infrastructure investments, long-term financing, and external funding relationships require steady leadership, institutional understanding, and consistency of direction.

Bond rating agencies and lenders routinely evaluate the stability of both executive management and elected leadership when assessing creditworthiness and risk. Predictable governance, informed decision-making, and continuity of policy direction are widely recognized indicators of fiscal discipline and long-term delivery capacity.

This consideration is particularly relevant in Ocean Ridge, which operates with a small professional staff. Limited staffing constrains institutional memory at the operational level, placing greater reliance on the elected body to carry historical knowledge, long-range perspective, and policy continuity.

At the same time, longevity in the Town's management position has historically not been a strength. Periods of leadership transition have increased dependence on experienced commissioners to maintain continuity, guide long-term initiatives, and preserve institutional context during complex decision-making cycles.

Under the current term-limit structure, it is possible for multiple seats to turn over simultaneously due solely to term limits, regardless of voter satisfaction or project status. In a small town, this could result in a majority of the Commission being comprised of individuals with limited familiarity with the Town's history, culture, and long-standing policy direction - potentially at a moment when steadiness is most critical.

Long-Term Governance Perspective

A relevant example of long-range success was highlighted in *Florida Trend's* December 2025 feature, *Floridian of the Year | Degrees of Hope*, which examined how Osceola County achieved ambitious, multi-year policy goals through continuity of leadership and a shared long-term vision. The article notes that in an era when term limits are increasingly common, sustained progress was made possible by leaders who were able to remain engaged long enough to see complex initiatives through to completion.

The article captures this reality succinctly with the observation that *"when you leave office, your ideas go with you."* Long-term goals, particularly those involving education, infrastructure, and financial commitments, require not only good ideas, but time, institutional understanding, and sustained leadership to implement them effectively.

This lesson is directly applicable to Ocean Ridge as the Town undertakes capital investments that will span multiple years, funding cycles, and policy decisions. Continuity does not guarantee success, but ***forced discontinuity*** introduces measurable risk.

Democratic Consideration

This discussion is not about favoring permanence over change. Rather, it is about who should decide.

Term limits transfer decision-making authority away from the voters of the present and place it in the hands of a past electorate. Restoring the Charter's original intent would return that authority to current voters, allowing them to retain experienced leadership when warranted or to choose change at the ballot box based on today's conditions, priorities, and trust.

In practical terms, this ensures that governance reflects the needs and judgment of the community as it exists now, not as it existed at a single moment in the past.

Next Step

If the Commission believes this discussion is timely, staff can prepare options outlining:

- The current charter language and its effect
- Potential paths for voter consideration of a charter amendment
- Timing considerations aligned with upcoming elections, capital planning, and financing milestones

This memo is offered to prompt thoughtful dialogue and informed consideration, not to advocate a predetermined outcome.

Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida
Town Commission Agenda Memorandum
Christy Goddeau, Town Attorney

Subject: Ordinance 2026-02: An Ordinance Of The Town Commission Of The Town Of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending Chapter 66, “Environmental Regulations”, Article IV, “Landscaping”, Division 2, “Water Efficient Landscape”, Section 66-142, “Artificial Turf/Synthetic Grass”, To Remove The Location Prohibitions Regarding Installation Of Artificial Turf In Front Yard Areas And Percentages On Use Of Artificial Turf; And Providing For Repeal Of Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, Codification, And An Effective Date

At its February 2, 2026 meeting, the Town Commission directed staff to remove the front yard and percentage limitations in the “locations allowed” in the Town’s existing ordinance on artificial turf, Section 66-142. The “locations allowed” limitations in Section 66-142 currently provide:

(c) *Locations allowed.* Artificial turf/synthetic grass shall be allowed in rear and side yards, but not to exceed 25 percent of the total lot area (this area is defined as the total parcel area defined as a side or rear yard minus the area of the primary structure) of the rear and side yards. Artificial turf/synthetic grass shall not be allowed in any front yard areas or in any area visible from the public right-of-way (regardless of whether it is in the rear or side yard), unless it is placed in between paver blocks or similar items in a manner where the area for the artificial turf does not exceed four inches in width, provided that the synthetic turf area does not exceed 50 percent of the total area using the paver blocks. Screening, as approved by the building official, may be used in order to comply with the visibility requirement, further any turf/synthetic grass placed in between paver blocks shall not count toward the 25 percent maximum amount allowed. No artificial turf shall be installed in the public right-of-way.

As you may be aware, section 125.572, Florida Statutes, which the Legislature passed in 2025, requires the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to adopt minimum standards for the installation of synthetic turf **on single-family residential properties of 1 acre or less in size**. Specifically, subsection 125.572(3), states:

(3) **Upon the Department of Environmental Protection adopting rules pursuant to**

subsection (4), a local government may not:

(a) Adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution, order, rule, or policy that prohibits, or is enforced to prohibit, a property owner from installing synthetic turf that complies with Department of Environmental Protection standards adopted pursuant to this section which apply to single-family residential property.

(b) Adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution, order, rule, or policy that regulates synthetic turf which is inconsistent with the Department of Environmental Protection standards adopted pursuant to this section which apply to single-family residential property.

(emphasis added). At this time, FDEP has not adopted such minimum standards. There is a currently a proposed rule, which is making its way through the formal rule adoption process for State agencies. A copy of the FDEP proposed rule is attached.

Since the Commission's directed revisions are within the Town's Land Development Code, the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the Town Commission's proposed revisions at its February 17, 2026 meeting. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved a recommendation to the Town Commission to take no action until the FDEP rules are adopted.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Staff recommends...approval of Ordinance 2026-02 on first reading

Suggested Motion: I move to...approve Ordinance 2026-02 on first reading.

Respectfully,
Christy Goddeau, Town Attorney

Notice of Proposed Rule

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

62-308.100 Synthetic Turf

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Chapter 2025-140, Laws of Florida, established a new statute, section 125.572, F.S., relating to synthetic turf. Section 125.572(4), F.S., requires the Department to adopt rules to implement this section. This rule will adopt minimum standards for the installation of synthetic turf on single-family residential properties one acre or less in size. Upon adoption, a local government may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution, order, rule, or policy that (1) prohibits, or is enforced to prohibit, a property owner from installing synthetic turf that complies with Department of Environmental Protection standards; or (2) regulates synthetic turf inconsistent with the Department of Environmental Protection standards.

SUMMARY: The Proposed Rule establish minimum standards for the installation of synthetic turf on single-family residential properties one acre or less in size. This rule does not establish nor require any new department-issued permit or authorization for the installation of synthetic turf, nor does it prohibit any local government ordinance, resolution, order, rule or policy that regulates synthetic turf provided it complies with s. 125.572, F.S., and this rule. A local government is prohibited from adopting or enforcing any ordinance, resolution, order, rule, or policy that regulates synthetic turf which is inconsistent with the standards adopted under this rule. The rule proposes standards for each criteria set forth in section 125.572(1), F.S., including material type, color, permeability, stormwater management, potable water conservation, water quality, proximity to trees and other vegetation, and other factors impacting environmental conditions of adjacent properties.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: Based on the Department's economic review, neither a SERC nor legislative ratification is required because the adoption of the proposed rule does not increase regulatory costs directly or indirectly to the public.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 125.572(4), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 125.572, F.S.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW (IF NOT REQUESTED, THIS HEARING WILL NOT BE HELD):

DATE AND TIME: February 11, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Room 137, Tallahassee, FL 32399

A hearing may be requested by emailing DWRA.Rulemaking@FloridaDEP.gov.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to contact DEP's Limited English Proficiency Coordinator at (850)245-2118 or LEP@FloridaDEP.gov at least ten (10) days before the hearing. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Amanda Peck, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Restoration Assistance, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 3600, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000, telephone: (850)245-2952, Email: DWRA.Rulemaking@FloridaDEP.gov.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

62-308.100 Synthetic Turf.

(1) Scope.

(a) Pursuant to s. 125.572, F.S., this rule only establishes minimum standards for the installation of synthetic turf, as defined by section 125.572(1), F.S., on single-family residential properties of 1 acre or less in size. This rule does not establish nor require any new department-issued permit or authorization for the installation of synthetic turf, nor does it prohibit any local government ordinance, resolution, order, rule or policy that regulates synthetic turf provided it complies with s. 125.572, F.S., and this rule. A local government is prohibited from adopting or enforcing any ordinance, resolution, order, rule, or policy that regulates synthetic turf which is inconsistent with the standards adopted under this rule.

(b) Nothing in this rule prohibits a local government from restricting the installation of synthetic turf on rights-of-way owned or giving legal right or control to an entity other than the residential property owner.

(2) Material type.

(a) Synthetic turf, including backing material and infill, must not contain heavy metals or intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

(b) Synthetic turf, including backing materials and infill, must be disposable under normal conditions at any Chapter 62-701, F.A.C., Florida permitted landfill.

(c) Infill material, if used, shall only be clean silica sand, rock, shell, or other natural material, except that coated silica sand may be used provided that any coating used is non-toxic and meets the requirements described in paragraphs (2)(a) and (2)(b). Rubber or any other synthetic infill material is allowed only within the footprint of playground equipment and must also meet the requirements described in paragraphs (2)(a) and (2)(b). Installation shall be designed to prevent washing away of any infill material off the residential property.

(d) Subgrade shall be composed of natural materials, such as crushed rock, or crushed concrete that meets the permeability requirements of this rule. Subgrade materials shall be washed prior to installation to prevent fines from binding.

(3) Color. No local government may prohibit the use of green synthetic turf.

(4) Permeability.

(a) Synthetic turf must be permeable and affixed to permeable backing with a pervious subgrade. A local government may establish a quantifiable standard of a maximum of 10 inches per hour for all layers.

(b) Synthetic turf must be installed over a subgrade prepared for positive drainage and evenly graded porous material.

(c) Soil beneath installed subgrade shall not be compacted to the extent that it adversely impacts percolation through the soil.

(5) Stormwater management.

(a) Installation of synthetic turf must be designed and installed to prevent pooling or an increase in the stormwater runoff volume, direction, or rates to adjacent properties and, where possible, runoff shall be directed to on-site pervious areas.

(b) Installation of synthetic turf must not alter the permitted stormwater management system as designed and shall not be installed within a swale, ditch, stormwater pond, or a stormwater pond's littoral zone.

(6) Potable water conservation.

(a) In-ground irrigation systems cannot be used to irrigate synthetic turf areas.

(b) If any in-ground system is already installed, a local government may require that irrigation heads be removed and pipe capped.

(7) Water quality.

(a) Synthetic turf shall not cause or contribute to violations of state water quality standards.

(b) Buffer zones around natural or man-made waterbodies may be established to protect against erosion and reduce pollution provided that such buffer for synthetic turf is no greater or restrictive than what is applicable to natural turf. Where no buffer zone has been established, synthetic turf shall be installed no closer than 10 feet from a natural or man-made waterbody as measured from the applicable ordinary or mean high water line except where

there is a physical barrier between the synthetic turf and the waterbody (such as, but not limited to, a seawall or bulkhead).

(8) Proximity to trees and other vegetation.

(a) Installation of synthetic turf cannot compromise the health of nearby trees, including damage to tree roots, other than those identified as a noxious weed as defined in Chapter 581, F.S., .

(b) Synthetic turf shall not be installed inside tree drip lines, whether on the property or adjacent properties, unless the tree is a noxious weed as defined by Chapter 581, F.S., or unless a certified arborist, using site specific information and best professional judgment, certifies that installation within that drip line would not be harmful to the tree.

(9) Other factors impacting environmental conditions of adjacent properties.

(a) Synthetic turf shall be installed according to manufacturer's specifications.

(b) Synthetic turf shall be anchored at all edges and seams that, at a minimum, will withstand the effects of wind or flooding.

(c) If installed, synthetic turf must provide for access to the septic tank for routine pumpout.

(d) If installed, synthetic turf shall be installed landward of any dune system and shall not be used to replace any existing dune vegetation.

Rulemaking Authority 125.572 FS. Law Implemented 125.572 FS. History—New xx-xx-xxxx.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Angela Knecht

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Alexis Lambert

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: January 8, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: July 22, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 66, “ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS”, ARTICLE IV, “LANDSCAPING”, DIVISION 2, “WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE”, SECTION 66-142, “ARTIFICIAL TURF/SYNTHETIC GRASS”, TO REMOVE THE LOCATION PROHIBITIONS REGARDING INSTALLATION OF ARTIFICIAL TURF IN FRONT YARD AREAS AND PERCENTAGES ON USE OF ARTIFICIAL TURF; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Commission, as the governing body of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida pursuant to authority in Chapter 163 and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, and the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, has adopted a Land Development Code which sets forth the Town’s Land Development Regulations in Chapter 63 through Chapter 70 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission at its February 2, 2026 regular meeting directed Town staff to revise section 66-142 regarding artificial turf to remove the location prohibitions regarding artificial turf installed in front yards and the percentage limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission, sitting as the Local Planning Agency, has considered the Town Commission’s direction to revise section 66-142 at its February 17, 2026 meeting, and submitted its recommendation to not take action on section 66-142 until the Florida Department of Environmental Protection adopts rules governing artificial turf as required under section 125.572, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission has taken the recommendation of the Local Planning Agency and the comments from the public into consideration; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that the revisions to section 66-142 as proposed in this Ordinance are consistent with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, are in the best interests of the Town, and serve a valid public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE THAT:

Section 1. Recitals: The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as true and correct findings of the Town of Ocean Ridge and its Commission and made a part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Amendment: Chapter 66, “Environmental Regulations”, Article IV, “Landscaping”, Division 2, “Water Efficient Landscape”, Section 66-142, “Artificial Turf/Synthetic Grass”, is hereby amended as follows (underline denotes new language and ~~strike-through~~ denotes deleted language):

Sec. 66-142. Artificial turf/synthetic grass.

(a) *Minimum material standards.* All artificial turf also referred to as synthetic grass **or synthetic turf**, shall comply with the following minimum standards:

- (1) Artificial turf shall consist of green lifelike individual blades of grass that emulate natural turf in look and color, as approved by the town building official, and shall have a minimum pile height of one and one-half inches, unless otherwise approved by the town building official, and shall have a minimum tufted weight of 56 ounces per square yard.
- (2) Artificial turf installations shall have a minimum permeability of 30 inches per hour per square yard.
- (3) All artificial turf shall have a minimum eight-year manufacturer's warranty that protects against color fading and a decrease in pile height.
- (4) Artificial turf shall be lead free.
- (5) All materials must include test documentation which declares that the artificial turf yarn and backing materials are disposable under normal conditions, at any U.S. landfill station (Total Content Leach Protocol (TCLP) test).
- (6) The use of indoor or outdoor plastic or nylon carpeting as a replacement for artificial turf or natural turf shall be prohibited.

(b) *Installation, maintenance and repair.*

- (1) All artificial turf shall at a minimum, be installed according to the manufacturer's specifications.
- (2) All artificial turf installations shall be anchored to ensure that the turf will withstand the effects of wind.
- (3) All seams shall be nailed and glued, not sewn, and edges shall be trimmed to fit against all regular and irregular edges to resemble a natural look.
- (4) If artificial turf is planned to be installed immediately adjacent to a seawall, the artificial turf shall be pinned or staked behind the seawall. No artificial turf or installation mechanism shall be attached directly to or placed on a seawall or seawall cap.
- (5) Proper drainage shall be provided for all artificial turf installations to prevent excess runoff or pooling of water.
- (6) Artificial turf shall be visually level, with the grain pointing in a single direction.

(7) An appropriate barrier device (e.g., concrete mow strip, bender board, brick pavers, river rock, landscaping) is required to separate artificial turf from soil and live vegetation.

(8) Precautions for installation around existing trees shall be monitored and may be restricted to ensure tree roots are not damaged with the installation of the base material and that the overall health of the tree will not be compromised.

(9) All artificial turf shall be maintained in a green fadeless condition and shall be maintained free of dirt, mud, stains, weeds, debris, tears, holes, and impressions. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to cleaning, brushing, debris removal; repairing of depressions and ruts to maintain a visually-level surface; elimination of any odors, flat or matted areas, weeds, and evasive roots; and all edges of the artificial turf shall not be loose and must be maintained with appropriate edging or stakes.

(10) All artificial turf must be replaced if it falls into disrepair with fading or holes or loose areas. Replacement and/or repairs shall be done with like for like materials from the same manufacturer, if possible, and done so in a manner that results in a repair that blends in with the existing artificial turf.

(11) An owner or applicant shall obtain a duly-authorized building permit from the town's building department prior to the installation of any artificial turf.

(12) The town or other public entity or utility company may remove artificial turf at any time and for any reason, including but not limited to, in order to provide underground access for utility work. The property owner shall bear and pay any and all costs to replace or reinstall the artificial turf.

(c) *Locations allowed.* Artificial turf/synthetic grass shall be allowed in rear and side yards, but not to exceed 25 percent of the total lot area (this area is defined as the total parcel area defined as a side or rear yard minus the area of the primary structure) of the rear and side yards. Artificial turf/synthetic grass shall not be allowed in any front yard areas or in any area visible from the public right-of-way (regardless of whether it is in the rear or side yard), unless it is placed in between paver blocks or similar items in a manner where the area for the artificial turf does not exceed four inches in width, provided that the synthetic turf area does not exceed 50 percent of the total area using the paver blocks. Screening, as approved by the building official, may be used in order to comply with the visibility requirement, further any turf/synthetic grass placed in between paver blocks shall not count toward the 25 percent maximum amount allowed. No artificial turf shall be installed in the public right-of-way.

(d) *Existing artificial turf.* For those properties where artificial turf is currently installed that is not in compliance with this section, when the existing artificial turf is replaced or repaired, in an amount exceeding 50 percent, then compliance with this section shall be required. Further, all existing artificial turf, not in compliance with this section, must be replaced within ten years of the adoption of this ordinance [from which this section derives].

(e) *Pervious area.* Artificial turf shall be considered as 100-percent pervious area.

SECTION 3. Codification: This Ordinance shall be codified in the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida.

SECTION 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances: All ordinances, resolutions, or parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Severability: If any word, clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part thereof contained in this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional, unenforceable, void, or inoperative by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing Ordinance and its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
GEOFF PUGH, Mayor	_____	_____
STEVE COZ, Vice Mayor	_____	_____
CAROLYN CASSIDY, Commissioner	_____	_____
DAVID HUTCHINS, Commissioner	_____	_____
AINAR AIJALA JR., Commissioner	_____	_____

The Mayor thereupon declared this Ordinance approved and adopted by the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA

BY: _____
GEOFF PUGH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BY: _____
KELLY AVERY, TOWN CLERK

Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida
Town Commission Agenda Memorandum
Michelle Heiser, Town Manager

Subject: Town Manager

The following memorandum provides a summary of operational accomplishments, strategic initiatives, and interdepartmental coordination efforts undertaken during the month of February 2026. These activities reflect continued progress in infrastructure management, governance modernization, fiscal oversight, and community engagement.

Infrastructure & Capital Improvements

- Coordinated emergency replacement of a failed 2” rear-easement water main at 6590 N Ocean Boulevard, including installation of nine new services and directional boring to minimize surface disruption. Work was completed under emergency procurement provisions to protect continuity of water service.
 - Acted on behalf of the Town in intergovernmental beach re-nourishment project planning and execution.
 - Continued planning and coordination for the Town’s upcoming major water main replacement initiative, including utility conflict coordination with private providers to mitigate duplicative excavation and traffic disruption.
 - Advanced grant-related documentation and compliance efforts, including FEMA Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) support materials for Town Hall wind hardening improvements.
 - Ongoing coordination regarding drainage, resiliency, and capital planning sequencing in alignment with multi-year CIP objectives.
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Governance & Policy Initiatives

- Prepared discussion materials regarding Charter provisions related to term limits, tie-breaking procedures under Ordinance No. 639, and governance modernization considerations.
 - Coordinated background materials for Commission consideration regarding public requests for honorary park dedication, including legal coordination with property owners and easement stakeholders.
 - Conducted legal and policy review related to procurement authority and emergency provisions under Town purchasing rules.
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Financial Oversight & Budget Monitoring

- Continued monitoring of Ad Valorem revenue receipts (approximately 80% received to date) and expenditure pacing to ensure fiscal stability heading into FY planning cycles.

- Reviewed repair and maintenance budget allocations to accommodate unanticipated infrastructure repairs within adopted GL authorizations.
- Coordinated analysis related to ambulance transport revenue comparisons for Ocean Ridge residents relative to surrounding service populations.
- Ongoing SAM.gov registration compliance review to preserve eligibility for federal financial assistance opportunities.

Intergovernmental & Legislative Coordination

- Evaluated potential impacts of pending State legislation, including density and transit-oriented development proposals, on Ocean Ridge land use and zoning authority.
- Coordinated outreach and information gathering related to Supervisor of Elections timing considerations for potential Charter amendments.
- Continued engagement with regional partners regarding infrastructure, utility, and service coordination.

Public Safety & Community Engagement

- Supported Police Department proactive enforcement and community education efforts, including fraud prevention outreach and reporting transparency.
- Coordinated public records and data requests to strengthen fiscal and service delivery analysis.
- Advanced planning for community programming and special events, including “An Evening at Town Hall,” in response to resident feedback seeking increased civic engagement opportunities.

Organizational & Administrative Leadership

- Continued refinement of executive performance tracking through the Executive Accomplishments Ledger framework to ensure structured accountability and strategic continuity.
- Advanced organizational planning, including role evaluation and workflow clarity across departments.
- Maintained active coordination across departments to align operational execution with Commission direction and adopted Town priorities.

Closing

February reflected steady forward movement across operational stability, capital infrastructure planning, governance review, and community engagement. The focus remains on disciplined execution, fiscal prudence, and thoughtful long-range planning aligned with Ocean Ridge’s strategic priorities.

Please let me know if the Commission would like additional detail on any item summarized above.

No action needed.

Suggested Motion: I move to...

Respectfully,

Michelle Heiser, Town Manager



Ocean Ridge Police Department

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Scott McClure
Chief of Police

January 2026 Monthly Activity Report

Attachments;

- 1. Monthly Law Enforcement Activity Report
(Please see detailed reports attached)*
- 2. Monthly Boynton Beach Fire/EMS Activity Report
(Please see detailed reports attached)*



Ocean Ridge Police Department

Other Activity Report – January 2026

Traffic Enforcement

Type	Total
Citations	309
Written Warnings	282
Parking Tickets	14
Traffic Stops	430

Arrests

Type	Total
S19 Felony	1
S18 Misdemeanor	12

Telephone Calls Handled by Dispatch

Category	November	Year to Date
9-1-1	73	73
Incoming / Non-Emergency	410	410
Outgoing / Non-Emergency	227	227
Total	710	710

Walk-Ins Handled by Dispatch

Category	November	Year to Date
All	293	293
After Business Hours	167	167

Administrative / Public Services

Service	November	Year to Date
Alarm Sign Issuance	0	0
Alarm Technician	27	27
AOD / Range Use	6	6
Burn Permit	0	0
Fingerprints	3	3
Keys	1	1
Pet Tag / Vehicle Decal	4	4
Report / Record Request	10	10
Vendors	37	37
Visitor for Chief	5	5
Visitor for Lt or Investigator	7	7
Visitor / Info	182	182
Gift/Food Delivery	2	2
Pick up Property/Evidence	2	2
Pill Drop	7	7

ACTIVITY SUMMARY BY SIGNALS

ALL UNITS From 01/01/2026 00:00 Through 01/31/2026 23:59

ACTIVITY SUMMARY BY SIGNALS

All Calls IN Signal Order

Signal	Description	Count
10108	ON FOOT W/PORTABLE	50
10109	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	160
1050	TRAFFIC STOP	417
1058	AT STATION	5
1060	ASSIST TO MOTORIST	1
801	VTC PERMITS (BUILDING)	1
805	VTC SOLICIT W/O PERMIT (DOOR TO DOOR)	1
806	VTC WORKING WHEN NOT PERMITTED	1
812	VTC TRUCKS/COMMERCIAL VEHICLES	1
815	VTC PARKING ON VACANT LOT	3
820	VTC ANIMALS ON BEACH	5
821	VTC DOGS AT LARGE	2
823	VTC CONSTRUCTION SITE	2
824	VTC ALL OTHER	2
826	VTC OUTSIDE STORAGE	1
829	VTC TREES IN WIRES	1
833	VTC CUTTING NATURAL VEGETATION	1
BCHK	BEACH PATROL	201
DC	DISTRICT CHECK	1323
HCKH	HOUSE CHECK HAND	59
HCKV	HOUSE CHECK VISUAL	34
LPR	LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION ALERT	3
S04	AUTO ACCIDENT	3
S13	SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT	2
S13P	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1
S13V	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	4
S14	INFORMATION	3
S15	SPECIAL DETAIL	53
S21C	BURGLARY CONVEYANCE	1
S21R	BURGLARY RESIDENCE	1
S22	DISTURBANCE	2
S25	FIRE/FD ASSIST	3
S48	OPEN DOOR	1

ACTIVITY SUMMARY BY SIGNALS

ALL UNITS From 01/01/2026 00:00 Through 01/31/2026 23:59

ACTIVITY SUMMARY BY SIGNALS All Calls IN Signal Order

Signal	Description	Count
S48G	OPEN GARAGE DOOR	5
S49	ALARM	22
S49F	FIRE ALARM	2
S51	TRESPASS	1
S66	CIVIL MATTER	1
S67	ACCIDENTAL INJURY	1
S68	POLICE SERVICE CALL	24
S70	ANIMAL COMPLAINT	2
S72	LOST/FOUND PROPERTY	5
S73	MEDICAL CALL	16
S75	ILLEGAL DUMPING	1
S76	ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT	7
S77	FIREWORKS	1
S79	911 PRANK/FALSE/ACCID CALL	12
S84	WELFARE CHECK	4
S86	LOUD NOISE/MUSIC	3
S90	ILLEGAL PARKING	12

TOTAL ACTIVITY: 2467

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2600348	1/7/2026	5550 N Ocean Blvd Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 4	Good Intent Call	
2600358	1/7/2026	6415 N Ocean Blvd Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Tower 1	Service Call	6
2600423	1/9/2026	5500 BLK N Ocean Blvd Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 4	Service Call	4.9
2600458	1/9/2026	Cardinal Dr Briny Breezes	Briny Breezes	Station 1	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	7.9
2600616	1/13/2026	Sabal Island Dr Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 1	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	7.1
2600673	1/14/2026	6800 BLK N Ocean Blvd Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 4	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	6.5
2600722	1/15/2026	Sabal Island Dr Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 4	Service Call	12
2600782	1/16/2026	N Ibis Dr Briny Breezes	Briny Breezes	Station 4	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	6.2
2600791	1/17/2026	Ruthmary Ave Briny Breezes	Briny Breezes	Station 4	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	5
2600808	1/17/2026	Bay Dr Briny Breezes	Briny Breezes	Station 4	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	5
2600818	1/17/2026	Cardinal Dr Briny Breezes	Briny Breezes	Station 4	Service Call	5.8
2600847	1/18/2026	5530 N Ocean Blvd Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 4	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	4.4
2600856	1/18/2026	Hudson Ave Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 1	Fire	7
2600870	1/19/2026	Bay Dr Briny Breezes	Briny Breezes	Station 4	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	5.2
2600911	1/20/2026	6600 N Ocean Blvd Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 1	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	7.1
2600958	1/21/2026	6000 BLK N Ocean Blvd Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 1	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	4.7
2601005	1/22/2026	6700 BLK N Ocean Blvd Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 1	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	7.5
2601034	1/22/2026	Cardinal Dr Briny Breezes	Briny Breezes	Station 4	Service Call	6.2
2601067	1/23/2026	Hersey Dr Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 4	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	5.4
2601217	1/26/2026	6767 N Ocean Blvd Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 1	Good Intent Call	11
2601238	1/26/2026	6711 N Ocean Blvd Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 1	Good Intent Call	7.5
2601263	1/27/2026	5530 N Ocean Blvd Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 4	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	4.4
2601292	1/27/2026	E Ocean Ave Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 1	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	4.4
2601311	1/28/2026	6550 N Ocean Blvd Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 1	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	7.2
2601329	1/28/2026	6700 BLKN Ocean Blvd Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 1	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	7.2
2601373	1/29/2026	River Dr Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 1		6.9
2601401	1/29/2026	6110 N Ocean Blvd Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 1	Good Intent Call	4.7
2601502	1/31/2026	Island Dr Ocean Ridge	Ocean Ridge	Station 4	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	5.2

Ocean Ridge Summary		Briny Breezes Summary	
Medical Calls	12	Medical Calls	5
Fire/Other Calls	14	Fire/Other Calls	2
Total	26	Total	7

EMS Calls exceeding 10 minutes consist of (2), service call and good intent call