

RESOLUTION NO. 1 PROPOSING CHARTER AMENDMENT

A RESOLUTION OF THE 2023-2024 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROPOSING AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE V OF THE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER TO PROVIDE: FOR THE REQUIREMENT OF A SUPERMAJORITY VOTE OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN ORDER TO TRANSFER, OR MATERIALLY CHANGE THE USE OR PURPOSE OF, NATURAL LANDS OWNED OR MANAGED BY SEMINOLE COUNTY; FOR A REFERENDUM; FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR SUBMISSION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, Section 4.2(B), Seminole County Home Rule Charter, provides that a Charter Review Commission periodically shall review the Charter, and propose amendments which may be advisable for placement on the general election ballot for voter approval; and

WHEREAS, hearings have been held to inform the public and receive suggestions regarding this and other amendments proposed to be made to the Seminole County Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Home Rule Charter provides Seminole County with all powers of local self-government not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of Florida; and

WHEREAS, passage of this Resolution will allow the voters of Seminole County to adopt or reject the Amendment proposed herein at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 2023-2024 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1 – Adoption of Amendments:

Subject to the approval of the electors at the general election on November 5, 2024, as required by the Constitution, Laws of Florida, and Section 4.2(B) of the Seminole County Home Rule Charter, the Seminole County Home Rule Charter is amended at Article V to read (with additions being shown as underlined and deletions being shown as ~~strike~~throughs) as follows:

Section 5.6 Transfer or Material Change of Use or Purpose of Designated Natural Lands by the Board of County Commissioners.


A. Definitions. The following words, terms, or phrases when used in this Section 5.6 shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) *Natural Lands.* Properties purchased or otherwise acquired or managed under Seminole County’s Natural Lands Program. Such properties are or shall be described in a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, which may be amended from time-to-time as the Natural Lands Inventory changes.

(2) *Supermajority Vote.* The requirement that, for the Board of County Commissioners to take action on a matter pending before them, at least a majority plus one of the entire membership of the Board of County Commissioners must vote in the affirmative to take such action.

B. The County shall manage the real property held in fee or otherwise acquired or managed as Natural Lands for the benefit of the citizens of Seminole County and may sell, convey, dispose of, transfer, or otherwise materially alter the use or purpose of, all or any portion of such property only if the members of the Board of County Commissioners determine that the property is no longer needed for natural resource conservation, scenic, or recreational purposes and only upon a Supermajority Vote.

Section 2. Referendum.

On November 5, 2024, an  election shall be held in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and Laws of Florida, and Section 4.2(B)(5) Seminole County Home Rule Charter, in

conjunction with the general election. The ballot pertaining to this proposed Charter Amendment shall read as follows:

Question 1 Ballot Title

Requiring Supermajority vote by County Commissioners to transfer or change the use of Natural Lands

Question 1 Ballot Summary

Shall the Seminole County Charter be revised to require the vote of a Supermajority (i.e., a majority plus one) of the members of the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners in order to transfer or materially change the use or purpose of properties that are owned or managed by the County and that it has designated as “Natural Lands”?

YES _____

NO _____

Section 3 – Effective Date:

If approved by a majority of electors voting on the matter, this Charter Amendment shall become effective on January 1, 2025, and shall be incorporated into the Charter with any necessary renumbering or re-lettering of its provisions.

Section 4 – Submission to the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida:

This Resolution and proposed amendment shall be delivered to the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, in accordance with Section 4.2(B)(5), Seminole County Home Rule Charter, for placement on the general election ballot to be held on November 5, 2024.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Seminole County Charter Review Commission on this ___ day of _____, 2024.

By: John Horan

Chairman, Seminole County Charter Review Commission