

ORDINANCE NO. 311

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.01 OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HAVANA PERTAINING TO GROUP DESIGNATIONS FOR QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT GROUPS 1 THROUGH 3 SHALL BE ELECTED IN ODD NUMBERED YEARS AND GROUPS 4 THROUGH 7 SHALL BE ELECTED IN EVEN NUMBERED YEARS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 306 adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Havana on June 25, 2002, the election date for candidates to the Town Council was changed from the Second Monday in November to the last Tuesday in April of each calendar year; and,

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 307 also adopted by the Town Council on June 25, 2002, the terms of council members in Groups 1 through 3 were extended to expire on April 30, 2003 rather than December 31, 2002, and the terms of council members in Groups 4 through 7 were extended to expire on April 30, 2004 rather than December 31, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, it is therefore now necessary to also realign the Group Designations For Qualification and Election of members of the Town Council to correspond with the aforementioned changes.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAVANA:

SECTION 1. That Section 3.01 of the Charter of the Town of Havana pertaining to Group Designations for qualification and election is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 3.01. Group designations for qualification and election.

The membership of the town council is divided into seven (7) groups. Three (3) members comprising Group 1 through Group 3 shall be elected at large at a town general election on the day designated by ordinance to be held in odd numbered years and four (4) members comprising Group 4 through Group 7 shall be elected at large at the town general election to be held in even numbered years. Every person qualifying as a candidate for election to the town council shall qualify in a specific group which the candidate shall designate at the time of his qualification and each seat on

the town council shall be filled by the candidate receiving a majority of the votes in the group in which he qualified. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes in the group, there shall be a runoff election between the two (2) candidates in the group receiving the highest number of votes. Such runoff election shall be called by the town council and held within one (1) month after the town general election."

SECTION 2. It is the intention of the Town and it is hereby provided that the provisions of this ordinance shall be made a part of the Charter of the Town of Havana, Florida; that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention; and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or other appropriate designation.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

INTRODUCED in open session of the Town Council of the Town of Havana, Florida, on the 28th day of January, A.D. 2003.

PASSED in open session of the Town Council of the Town of Havana, Florida, on the 25th day of February, A.D. 2003.

K. J. Davis
Presiding Officer of the Town
Council of the Town of Havana,
Florida

ATTEST:

Karen Myrick
Clerk of the Town of Havana and
Clerk of the Town Council thereof