



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: October 16, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance 18-13, Proposed Charter Change

Background: As a result of the February election, the City Charter changed; however it was the Council's intent to review the entire charter to see if additional changes need to be made.

This proposed change is to require that the charter changes must pass by at least 60% of the total vote at an election, not just by majority. Currently the Charter states that regular city elections shall be held on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in March, or such other date as may be approved by the city council by the passage of an ordinance receiving a majority plus one vote of those voting on such ordinance, provided that such election date must be the same date as is most common for city elections in other cities within Orange County (Section 6.05 Elections).

State Statute 166.031(2) (Charter amendments) states: Upon adoption of an amendment to the charter of a municipality by a majority of the electors voting in a referendum upon such amendment, the governing body of said municipality shall have the amendment incorporated into the charter and shall file the revised charter with the Department of State. All such amendments are effective on the date specified therein or as otherwise provided in the charter.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the first reading of Ordinance 18-13.

Suggested Motion: I move that we approve the first reading of Ordinance 18-13; have the second reading and adoption on November 13, 2018; and instruct the City Clerk to place it on the March, 2019 Election Ballot.

Alternatives: Do not adopt the ordinance and allow the current language to stand

Fiscal Impact: None

Attachments: Draft Ordinance 18-13