

ORDINANCE 2025-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CENTURY, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A SPECIAL NONPARTISAN ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING THE VACANCY IN COUNCIL SEAT V; SETTING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE ELECTION; SETTING QUALIFYING DATES, TIMES AND PLACES; ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES AND QUALIFYING FEES; ESTABLISHING VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DIRECTING TRANSMITTAL OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, On May 6, 2025, Councilmember Sandra McMurray Jackson resigned from Seat V of the Town Council;

WHEREAS, The term for Council Seat V is set to expire in January 2027, and more than six (6) months remain in the unexpired term;

WHEREAS, No regular Town election is scheduled within six (6) months of the date of vacancy;

WHEREAS, Section 3.05(c)(2) of the Town Charter requires that a special election be held no sooner than sixty (60) days, and no later than ninety (90) days, following the occurrence of the vacancy;

WHEREAS, Section 3.05(c) of the Town Charter also requires that an interim councilmember be appointed by majority vote of the remaining councilmembers to serve until a successor is elected and qualified;

WHEREAS, Section 5.05(c) of the Town Charter provides that, if necessary, a special primary election shall be scheduled two (2) weeks prior to the special election;

WHEREAS, Section 5.05(c) of the Town Charter also provides that each elected official shall be sworn in and take office ten (10) days following the special election.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL:

SECTION 1: Special Election Called. The Town shall hold a Special Election to fill the vacancy in Council Seat V.

SECTION 2: Election Date, Time, and Place. The Special Primary Election shall be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, and the Special General Election shall be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at Century Town Hall, 7995 North Century Blvd., Century, Florida, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 3: Purpose. The purpose of the Special Election is to elect one (1) councilmember to fill the unexpired term of Seat V, which ends January 2027.

SECTION 4: Qualifying Period. The qualifying period for candidates shall be held from Monday, June 23, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Supervisor of Elections Office, and on June 23, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Century Town Hall. The qualifying period will be coordinated with the Escambia County Supervisor of Elections and the Town Clerk.

SECTION 5: Qualifications. A candidate must be a registered voter in the Town of Century and meet the qualifications set forth in Section 3.02 of the Town Charter.

SECTION 6: Qualifying Fees. The qualifying fee shall consist of 1% of the annual salary of a councilmember as required by Florida Statute 99.092(1), plus a \$12.85 filing fee, totaling \$50.00.

SECTION 7: Voter Registration Deadline. For the Primary Election on July 29, 2025, voter registration books will close on June 30, 2025. For the General Election on September 9, 2025, voter registration books will close on August 11, 2025.

SECTION 8: Oath of Office. In accordance with Section 5.05(c) of the Town Charter, the successful candidate shall be sworn into office ten (10) days following the certification of the General Election, which is scheduled for September 19, 2025.

SECTION 9: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Town Council.

SECTION 10: Transmittal. The Town Clerk is directed to immediately provide a copy of this executed Ordinance to the Escambia County Supervisor of Elections.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th day of May, 2025, by the Town Council of the Town of Century, Florida.

First reading approved on the 20th day of May, 2025.

Advertised on the ___ day of May, 2025.

Passed on the second reading on the ___ day of _____, 2025.

TOWN OF CENTURY

Attest:

By: _____

By: _____

Benjamin D. Boutwell, Mayor

Carrie Moore, Town Clerk