

### **Proclamation**

# **Announcement of the 2024 Municipal Election**

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills will hold its municipal election on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the election will determine the holders of Town Council seats #4 and #5; and

**WHEREAS,** all eligible and interested residents are encouraged to participate in this vital democratic process;

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Martha MacFarlane, Mayor of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills Florida, do hereby proclaim the following:

# 1. Election Date and Polling Hours:

- The 2024 municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024.
- Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Eastern Standard Time at such precinct locations as determined and noticed by the Lake County Supervisor of Elections.

#### 2. Qualifying Period:

- The qualifying period for the election will commence at noon on Monday, August 5th, 2024, and will conclude at noon on Friday, August 16th, 2024.
- All interested candidates must file their candidacy within this period.

## 3. Eligibility Requirements:

- All candidates for the office of Town Councilor must be at least 21 years of age.
- Candidates must be registered voters and residents of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills for at least one year prior to the first day of the qualifying period.
- Each candidate must file a petition with the Town Clerk, signed by no fewer than 25 Town electors, nominating the candidate for Town Council.
- Any person convicted of a felony is ineligible and disqualified from seeking election to any office or appointment to any board, commission, committee, or agency in the Town.
- No more than one family member may hold a seat on the Council concurrently. A family member includes parents, siblings, children, or spouses.
- The candidate shall also provide a statement that, if elected, he/she will serve, and if not the Council shall omit his/her name from the ballot.

# 4. Qualifying Officer:

- The Town Election Qualifying Officer is John Brock, Town Clerk.
- All parties interested in qualifying for this election may contact the Town Clerk's Office at (352) 324-2290 ext. 101, (352) 272-1925, or via email at jbrock@howey.org to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be held at Town Hall, 101 N. Palm Avenue, Howey-in-the-Hills, FL 34737.

# 5. Additional Information:

 More information about the election process can be obtained from the Town's website at howey.org or by contacting the Town Clerk.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of July in the year 2024.

	By:	
	Martha MacFarlane, Mayor	
Attest:		
John Brock, Town Clerk		