



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners
VIA: Mike Helfrich, City Manager
FROM: Clara VanBlargan, City Clerk
DATE: August 31, 2026
RE: **Ordinance 2026-18, Calling the November 3, 2026 Municipal General Election
– 1st Reading & Public Hearing**

Background

In accordance with City Charter, Section 3.4.B, the Board of Commissioners is required, by Ordinance, to prescribe the manner of holding the Election and to provide for the polling places on Election Day. Ordinance 2026-18 has been prepared for that purpose.

An Election will be held in the City of Madeira Beach, Florida, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for City of Madeira Beach voters to vote on three (3) charter amendments. Section 14.3 of the Charter of the City of Madeira Beach, Article 8, Section 2(a) of the Florida Constitution, and Section 166.031(1) of the Florida Statutes require that charter amendments be approved by a referendum of the electors of the City of Madeira Beach.

In accordance with City Charter Section 3.4, Subsection B, the Board of Commissioners shall designate the Pinellas County Canvassing Board to serve as the Canvassing Board for the City of Madeira Beach. The Canvassing Board shall certify all tests of election equipment and shall canvass absentee as well as provisional ballots. The actions of the Canvassing Board shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners at its next meeting following the election. The Board of Commissioners shall meet following the certification for the purpose of declaring the results of said election.

The polling location for City of Madeira Beach voters to vote in the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election is as follows:

- Precincts 301 and 415 - Madeira Beach Municipal Building, City Centre Room, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, Florida, 33708 – 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of adopting Ordinance 2026-18 is the estimated cost of \$141.40 to advertise the ordinance in the Tampa Bay Times for the second reading and public hearing on October 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Recommendation

After the first reading and a public hearing, the recommendation is to approve Ordinance 2026-18, Calling the November 3, 2026 Municipal Election. The second reading and public hearing of the ordinance will be advertised for October 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Attachments:

- Charter Amendments (3) – English & Spanish
- Ordinance 2026-18
- Ordinance 2026-18, Business Impact Estimate