- A. *Merit principal*. All appointments and promotions of City employees shall be made solely on the basis of merit and fitness demonstrated by examination or other evidence of competence.
- B. Civil Service Commission; Membership. There shall be a Civil Service Commission of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida, which Commission shall be composed of five citizens of said City. The Civil Service Commission shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida. The term of office for each member shall be three years and shall be staggered so that not more than two terms expire within any one year. Three Commissioners shall constitute a quorum. Members of the Civil Service Commission shall hold no remunerative office or employment under the City of Madeira Beach, Florida. The Board of Commissioners of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida, shall have the authority to remove for cause any and/or all Civil Service Commissioners.
- C. Personnel Rules. The Civil Service Commission shall prepare personnel rules. When concurred by the City Manager, the rules shall be proposed to the Board of Commissioners, and the Board of Commissioners may by Ordinance adopt them with or without amendment. These rules shall include, but are not limited to:
  - 1. The classification of all classified City positions, based upon the duties, authority and responsibility of each position, with adequate provisions for classification of any position whenever warranted by circumstances;
  - 2. A pay plan for all classified City positions;
  - 3. Methods for determining the merits and fitness of candidates for appointment or promotions;
  - 4. The policies and procedures regulating reduction in force, demotion, suspension and removal of employees;
  - 5. The hours of work, attendance regulation and provisions for sick and vacation leave;
  - 6. Grievance procedures, including procedures for the hearing of grievances by the Civil Service Commission, which may render advisory opinions based on its findings to the City Manager with a copy to the aggrieved employee. In this respect the Civil Service Commission shall have the power to issue subpoenas to compel attendance by witnesses and to administer oaths;
  - 7. Other practices and procedures necessary to the administration of the City personnel system;
  - 8. In connection with the aforementioned personnel rules, the Civil Service Commission shall inquire into the implementation of such personnel rules as considered necessary to ensure compliance therewith.

Duties and powers of the Civil Service Commission. All duties, powers, reservations of power, and funding for the Civil Service Commission may be provided for by Ordinance duly passed by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida.

E. *Powers to collectively bargain recognized.* Nothing contained in this Charter shall limit the power of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida, acting through its Manager from entering into collective bargaining negotiations with any officers, employees, or group of employees for the purpose of establishing by contract conditions of employment, rules or compensation of said officers, employees, or groups of employees. For the purposes of this Charter, ARTICLE I, Section 6, of the Constitution of the State of Florida is specifically recognized.

(Ord. No. 446, 1-28-1975; Ord. No. 664, 8-14-1984/11-7-1984; Ord. No. 2018-09, § 1(Exh. A), 8-20-2018)