

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA        )  
COUNTY OF HORRY                )  
TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH        )

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2-2015 ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING THE ELECTIONS  
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA COMPREHENSIVE,  
GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE TITLE 1, CHAPTER 7, 1997 AND ELECTION  
ORDINANCE NO. 2-89 CHAPTER 52 STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY ELECTION REGISTRATION FEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Atlantic Beach (the “Town”) desires to amend the Comprehensive Government and Administration Election Ordinance Title 1 Chapter 7, 1997 and Election Ordinance No. 2-89, Chapter 52.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER AND AUTHORITY** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Atlantic Beach, South Carolina affirms the following:

**SECTION 1. Amendment to Town Code:** The Code of Ordinances for the Town of Atlantic Beach is hereby amended by the substitution of the following language therefore from Chapter 7.

- Sec. 1-7-1 Terms of Office
- Sec. 1-7-2 Method of Elections
- Sec. 1-7-3 Election Commission
- Sec. 1-7-4 Nonpartisan Elections; Procedure
- Sec. 1-7-5 Time of Elections; Notice
- Sec. 1-7-6 Time of taking office, contested elections

Sec. 1-7-1 **TERMS OF OFFICE**

- (a) The Mayor and Council Member shall be elected for a term of four (4) years.
- (b) The terms of office of Council Members shall be staggered, so that one-half (1/2) of the Council Members shall be elected every two (2) years as now provided and each Council Member shall hold office until his term expires. (Ord. of 8-8-77).

Sec. 1-7-2 **METHOD OF ELECTION**

- (a) The Mayor shall be elected by the Town at large.
- (b) The Members of Council shall be elected by the Town at large. (Ord. of 8-8-77)

Sec. 1-7-3 **ELECTION COMMISSION**

- (a) The Council shall appoint an Election Commission, which shall have the Powers, functions and duties as prescribed by State Law.
- (b) Commission appointees shall serve for a term of six (6) years, provided that initial appointments shall be made in a manner to provide for staggered terms and

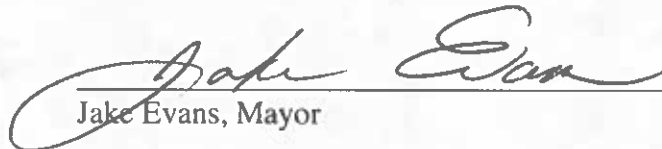


- (b) The Town Clerk shall give two public notices of the General Election the first at least 60 days prior to the date of the election and the second not later than 14 days in a newspaper of general circulation in the Area: SC Code Sec. 5-15-50 and 7-13-35.

**Sec. 1-7-6 TIME OF TAKING OFFICE, CONTESTED ELECTION**


- (a) Newly elected officials after being sworn in, shall take office on the first General Session Meeting in January following the elections, or those officials elected at any special election shall take office as soon after the time for Protest has passed as is convenient.
- (b) If the results of the election are contested, the incumbent who fill that contested office shall hold over until the contest is finally determined. (Ord. of 8-8-77, as amended by Ord. No. 2089, 7-10-89).

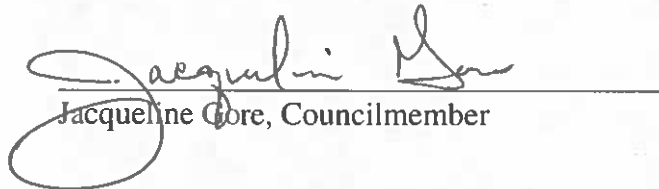
**DONE AND ORDAINED IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2023.**

  
Jake Evans, Mayor

Attest:

  
Town Clerk

  
Josephine Isom, Mayor Pro Tem

  
Jacqueline Gore, Councilmember

  
Town Manager

Edward Campbell, Councilmember

**First Reading:** February 13, 2023

**Second Reading:** March 6, 2023