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ADVERTISEMENT	<u>09/06/2024</u>

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-280

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTION 9(a) OF THE TOWN CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR BUDGET PROCEDURES; ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR BUDGET HEARINGS AND ADVERTISING; PROVIDING FOR MORE TRANSPARENCY IN BUDGETARY PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE BEING SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. Section 5(b) of the Town Charter of the Town of Greenville, Florida, is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

SECTION 9. BUDGET PROCEDURES ~~BUDGETING~~; BORROWING; PROCUREMENT.

(a) The Town of Greenville shall report its finances annually and shall have a fiscal year beginning October 1 of each year and ending on September 30 of the following year and shall adopt a budget each fiscal year by ordinance or resolution no later than September 30.; The which budget must show the total of each major classification of receipts and expenditures and shall regulate all expenditures of the Town of Greenville, Florida. The amount available from taxation and other sources, including balances brought forward from prior fiscal years, must equal the total appropriations for expenditures and reserves.

Public hearings must be held to discuss the proposed millage rate and the tentative and final budgets, pursuant to section 200.065(2), Fla. Stat., as it may be amended from time to time. The hearings shall be primarily for the purpose of hearing requests and complaints from the public regarding the budgets and the proposed tax levies and for explaining the budget and any proposed or adopted amendments. The Town of Greenville must advertise the first public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation. The advertisement must include specific information, such as the time and place of the hearing, the proposed millage rate, the rolled-back rate, and the percentage increase or decrease in property taxes. After the first hearing, the Town of Greenville must adopt the tentative budget and millage rate and then schedule a final budget hearing.

The advertisements for the budget hearings must follow a prescribed format and include detailed information as required by section 200.065(3), Fla. Stat., as it may be amended from time to time. The advertisements must be placed in a prominent position in the newspaper and not in the legal notices section. If the proposed millage rate exceeds the rolled-back rate, the Town of Greenville must publish a "Notice of Proposed Tax Increase." A summary of the budget must be

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published in the form of a "Budget Summary" advertisement, which includes a comparative budget summary for the current and previous fiscal years.

The tentative budget must be posted on the Town of Greenville official website at least two (2) days before the final budget hearing, and the final adopted budget must be posted on said website within 30 days after adoption. The budget must remain on the Greenville official website for at least two years after adoption. The budget may be amended during or after the fiscal year, pursuant to general law, and any surplus budget funds must be invested pursuant to general law. As permitted by the Florida Constitution and general or special law, the Town of Greenville may borrow money, contract loans, and issue bonds from time to time to finance the undertaking of capital or other projects for public purposes and may pledge the funds, credit, property, and taxing powers of the Town of Greenville for the payment of such debts and bonds. However, as provided an art. VII, section 10, Florida Constitution, the Town of Greenville may not give, lend, or use its taxing power or credit to aid any corporation, association, partnership, or person, or become a joint owner or stockholder in any such entity or person. The Town of Greenville shall seek and obtain any appropriated state of Florida funds and state-shared revenues and grants available to municipalities.

Section 2. This proposed amendment to the Charter of the Town of Greenville, Florida, shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the Town of Greenville, Florida, for adoption at the 2024 general election, with the following question:

AMENDMENT TO BUDGET PROCEDURES, PUBLIC HEARINGS,
AND TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS.

Shall the Town of Greenville Charter be amended to mandate public budget hearings with enhanced public participation and transparency, establish advertising requirements for budget hearings, require the budget to be adopted by ordinance or resolution, mandate the budget's online availability for 2 years, and require the budget to outline major classifications of receipts and expenditures?

- YES
- NO

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 4. Repeal of conflicting ordinances. Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval of the related Town of Greenville referendum in the 2024 general election.

Following the second reading of the foregoing, the Honorable RYAN KORNEGAY moved that the foregoing ordinance be adopted. The Honorable ROBIN HOUSH seconded the motion for its adoption.

The Honorable BARBARA DANSEY put the question to a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

Hon. Brittni Brown, Councilmember	Voted: <u>NO</u>
Hon. Ryan Kornegay, Councilmember	Voted: <u>YES</u>
Hon. Chiquila Pleas, Councilmember	Voted: <u>YES</u>
Hon. Robin Housh, Vice Mayor/Councilmember	Voted: <u>YES</u>
Hon. Barbara Dansey, Mayor/Councilmember	Voted: <u>YES</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Greenville, Florida, this 23rd day of SEPTEMBER 2024.

APPROVED:

Barbara Dansey
HON. BARBARA DANSEY
Mayor/Councilmember

ATTEST:

Victoria K. Kingston
VICTORIA K. KINGSTON
Interim Town Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John Laurance Reid
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Town Attorney

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