Prepared by: City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 22, ELECTIONS, SECTION 22-6, CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS TO PROVIDE MORE FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING THE DATE TO CERTIFY THE ELECTION RESULTS AND SWEAR IN THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, city council adopted Ordinance No. 2014-21 which revised the date to certify the election results as requested by the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections office to comply with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA); and

WHEREAS, during certain years the revised date conflicts with Thanksgiving week; and

WHEREAS, city council desires to amend the code to provide more flexibility in scheduling the certification of election results.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA as follows:

SECTION 1. The Whereas clause above is ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

SECTION 2. Chapter 22, Elections, Section 22-6, Certification of election results, is amended as follows:

Sec. 22-6. Certification of election results.

The city clerk shall transmit the unofficial returns of the municipal election to city council at a special meeting set by the city clerk within the last fifteen (15) days of the month of November. ~~held at 11:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday following the election, unless this day falls on an observed holiday when it shall be held on the following day~~. At such special meeting, city council shall certify the election results and the winning candidate(s) shall be sworn in. The city clerk shall furnish a certificate of election to each person shown to have been elected.

SECTION 3. **Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA THIS 12TH DAY OF JULY 2016.

First Reading: June 28, 2016
Final Reading: July 12, 2016
Adoption: July 12, 2016

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John W. Holic, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

I, LORI STELZER, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Venice City Council, at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 12th day of July 2016, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said City this 12th day of July 2016.

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Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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David Persson, City Attorney