

- (2) The transition time between the election and the start of the terms of office of the new commissioners; and
  - (3) The dates of county-wide or state-wide elections occurring at about the same time.
- (Code 1960, § 11-1; Ord. No. 3310, § 2, 12-15-86; Ord. No. 3349, § 1, 8-10-87; Ord. No. 3893, § 1, 7-26-93; Ord. No. 951175, § 1, 3-25-96; Ord. No. 980068, § 1, 6-22-98; Ord. No. 980736, § 1, 1-11-99)

### **Sec. 9-3. Designation, elections, runoff elections.**

Candidates for the commission shall, at the time of qualifying, designate the district seat or at large seat for which they intend to run. The district candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast in a particular district shall be elected. The at large or mayoral candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast within the city at large shall be elected. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in a district or the city at large, as applicable, a runoff election shall be held between the two candidates in such district(s) or at large, as applicable, receiving the highest number of votes cast. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast in such runoff election shall be elected. In the case of a tie the candidates shall be selected for the runoff election in the same manner as provided by Florida Statutes.

(Ord. No. 3349, § 5, 8-10-87; Ord. No. 980736, § 1, 1-11-99)

**Editor's note**—Ord. No. 3349, § 5, adopted Aug. 10, 1987, repealed and reenacted § 11-15 of the 1960 Code, codified as § 9-3 hereof, to read as herein set out. The former provisions concerned grouping of candidates and runoff election.

### **Sec. 9-4. Special elections required; proclamation.**

(a) Special elections shall be held in the following cases:

- (1) When there has been no choice of any city commissioner or the mayor who should have been elected at a regular or special election;
- (2) When a vacancy exists in any office due to resignation, death or otherwise. If any

vacancy shall occur less than three months before a regular election, it shall be within the discretion of the city commission to call a special election.

- (3) When the city commission determines in its sole discretion to submit any question affecting the interest of the city to a vote of the qualified electors of the city.

(b) The special election shall be ordered by the city commission by resolution instructing the mayor to issue a proclamation calling the election in the same manner and form as provided for in the case of regular elections.

(Code 1960, § 11-2; Ord. No. 980736, § 1, 1-11-99)

### **Sec. 9-5. Mayor to issue proclamation; contents; publication.**

Thirty days prior to any and all elections for mayor or commissioners the mayor shall issue a proclamation calling the election. The proclamation shall specify what officers are to be elected, the length of time the officers are to serve and the time and date of holding the election. Such proclamation shall be published once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city.

(Code 1960, § 11-3; Ord. No. 3301, § 1, 11-17-86; Ord. No. 980128, § 7, 7-27-98; Ord. No. 980736, § 1, 1-11-99)

### **Sec. 9-6. Registration and qualifying officer designated; registration books to be kept; contents.**

The supervisor of elections of Alachua County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as "supervisor," is hereby designated as the registration and qualifying officer for the city. The supervisor shall maintain the registration records of city electors as provided in the general law of the state. The supervisor is also designated as the official in charge of all administrative duties pertaining to city elections. The city shall reimburse the supervisor, in accordance with the agreement between the city and the supervisor, for the cost of conducting the elections.

(Ord. No. 3301, § 3, 11-17-86)

**Editor's note**—Ord. No. 3301, § 2, adopted Nov. 17, 1986, repealed § 11-3.1 of the 1960 Code, from which § 9-6 derived. Section 3 of Ord. No. 3301, amending § 11-5 of the 1960 Code, has been included as a new § 9-6 at the discretion of the editor.

**State law reference**—Registration officers, F.S. § 98.041 et seq.