

**ORDINANCE 2022-06**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PRESENT A REFERENDUM QUESTION TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE ELECTORS APPROVE REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FROM 8 MEMBERS TO 6 MEMBERS.**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Isle of Palms was incorporated in 1953 and operates under a City Council form of government consisting of the Mayor and eight Council Members; and

**WHEREAS**, Candidates for City Council run in non-partisan, at-large elections for staggered, four-year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council has debated and considered whether the reduction of the number of City Council members will create a more efficient legislative body while remaining accessible to the public, representative of the citizens of this City, and sufficiently diverse to continue providing exceptional governance in the public's interest; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council believes that the public's interests will be well served by presenting a referendum question to the Citizens of the City of Isle of Palms concerning their preference on whether to reduce the size of City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the referendum question will be placed on the ballot for the next general election to be held on November 8, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:**

**SECTION 1.** That a referendum shall be added to the November 8, 2022 general election ballot to read as follows:

“Shall the City of Isle of Palms reduce the size of its City Council from a Mayor and eight (8) Council Members to a Mayor and six (6) Council Members?”

To preserve the staggered terms of City Council, one Council Member seat will be eliminated at the expiration of the 2020-2024 term and a second Council Member seat will be eliminated at the expiration of the 2022-2026 term.

YES •

NO •

Those in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘YES,’ and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘NO.’”

