

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF  
ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA,  
ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE TO  
PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE VILLAGE  
COUNCIL REGARDING THE VILLAGE CHARTER; AND  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Islamorada, Village of Islands ("Village") incorporated in 1997 pursuant to Chapter 97-348, Laws of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has operated under the Village Charter as specified in Chapter 97-348, Laws of Florida, as amended from time to time ("Charter"); and

**WHEREAS**, at various points since incorporation a charter review committee has recommended changes to the Charter which were submitted to the electorate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council ("Council") desires to review the Charter to determine if additional revisions to the Charter should be made; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council desires to establish a Charter Review Committee ("Committee") to provide community input for consideration by the Council in deciding whether to amend the Charter.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF  
ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Establishment of Charter Review Committee.** The Council hereby establishes a Charter Review Committee to make reports and recommendations to the Village Council concerning potential revisions to the Charter.

**Section 3. Membership and Term.** The Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members appointed by the Council. Members of the Committee shall be residents and electors of the Village. Each Village Councilmember shall appoint one (1) person from a list of applicants or from personal contacts. The Council will appoint the two (2) remaining members by a majority vote.

The following members are hereby appointed to the Committee:

1. Ty Harris, appointed by Mayor Don Horton; and
2. Richard Black, appointed by Vice Mayor Sharon Mahoney; and
3. Susan Raffanello, appointed by Council Member Steve Friedman; and
4. Lorie LaLonde, appointed by Council Member Deb Gillis; and
5. Roger Young, appointed by Council Member Anna Richards; and
6. Craig McBay, appointed by majority of the Council; and
7. Joe Roth, appointed by majority of the Council.

**Section 4. Meetings and Powers.** Meetings of the Committee shall be held at least once a month and more often if the Committee determines that more meetings are needed. All meetings shall be open to the public, and notice of such meetings shall be given as required by State law. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a

quorum. Provided there is a quorum present, an affirmative vote of the majority of those members present shall be required to take official action. Each of the proposed Charter amendments included in the final report of the Committee shall be by a majority vote of the members of the Committee. The Committee shall record minutes at each of its meetings and shall promptly provide a copy of the minutes to the Village Clerk. The Committee, at its first meeting, shall organize itself by electing one (1) of its members as the chair, one (1) member as the vice-chair. At the first meeting, the Committee shall also determine which sections of the Charter should be considered for amendment. The Committee shall report to the Council its recommendations regarding which sections should be considered for amendment. The Council shall review and approve, or approve with revisions, the Committee's recommendations to consider such sections for amendment and shall so instruct the Committee prior to its next meeting.

#### **Section 5. Disqualification of Members and Compensation**

1. Should any committee member miss two (2) consecutive meetings without justification, whether regular meetings or special meetings, that person shall be disqualified as a member of the Committee; and the corresponding Council Member or if the member was appointed by the full Council, then the Council, who appointed the committee member shall immediately appoint a successor for the balance of the unexpired term of the vacant seat.

2. The members of this Committee shall serve without compensation or reimbursement.

**Section 6. Duties.** It shall be the duty of the Committee to:

1. Review all provisions of the Charter and consider whether the Charter should be amended;
2. Report monthly to the Council regarding the Committee's activities;
3. Prepare a final report no later than May 31, 2026 advising the Council of its recommendations regarding any amendments to the Charter;
4. Take a separate vote on each proposed Charter amendment; and
5. Attend a Council meeting to present the Committee's final report.

**Section 7. Staff Participation.** At all meetings of the Committee the Village Manager or his designee shall be present to provide information, support, and input regarding the issues raised by the Committee and to record the minutes of the meeting.

**Section 8. Sunset.** This Resolution shall sunset and the Committee shall be dissolved seven (7) months from the date it is appointed or the date it submits its final recommendations to the Council, whichever is earlier, unless the Council determines otherwise by resolution.

**Section 9. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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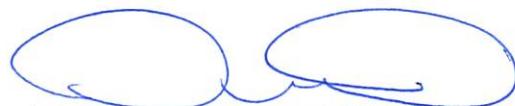
Motion to adopt by Deb Gillis, second by Anna Richards.

**FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION**

**VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS**

Mayor Don Horton	Yes
Vice Mayor Sharon Mahoney	Yes
Councilmember Steve Friedman	Yes
Councilmember Deb Gillis	Yes
Councilmember Anna Richards	Yes

**PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 6th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.**



DON HORTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARNE MCGRATH, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGALITY FOR THE SOLE USE AND BENEFIT  
OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS:



JOHN J. QUICK, VILLAGE ATTORNEY

