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ORDINANCE NO. 2008-08

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA
AMENDING CHAPTER 9 ELECTIONS SECTION 9-5 QUALIFYING OF
CANDIDATES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida has determined that it is necessary to be amend the following in order to allow for the ballots to be ready to send to oversees military absentee voters.

Now, Therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of Neptune Beach, Florida:

Section 1. Chapter 9 Elections Section 9-5 Qualifying of Candidates of the City of Neptune Beach Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 9-5. Qualifying of candidates.

(a) Any qualified elector of the city may be nominated to be a candidate for an elective office to be filled from the city at large by petition of any twenty-five (25) qualified electors of the city. Nominating petitions shall be filed with the city clerk no sooner than noon of the ~~fiftieth~~ seventy first (71) day prior to the date of the first primary, and no later than noon on the ~~forty-sixth~~ sixty-seventh (67) day prior to the date of the first primary as set forth in F.S. § 100.061 and shall be in the following form:

"We, the undersigned, twenty-five (25) electors of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, hereby nominate _____ for the office of _____ to be voted for at the election to be held on the _____ of November, A.D., 20_____, and we individually certify that we are qualified to vote for candidates for that office at such election."

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

I HEREBY ACCEPT the nomination for the office of _____ and agree to serve if elected.

(Signature of Candidate)

(b) Any candidate may withdraw his nomination not later than the last day for filing nomination papers by filing notice of withdrawal with the city clerk.

(c) All candidates for election to the positions of mayor, city council and city clerk shall pay the nonrefundable fee to the city clerk, at the time of qualifying, a follows:

TABLE INSET:

Office	Fee
Mayor	\$100.00

Council	50.00
City clerk	50.00

(d) Any qualified elector of the city may qualify as a write-in candidate by filing a statement to that effect, under oath, with the city clerk, no later than the thirtieth day preceding the next city election, together with the candidate's oath as set forth in subsection (a). No qualification fee shall be required or collected from a write-in candidate. The candidate's name shall be made for write-in votes to be cast in the next city election. Only write-in votes cast for a candidate who has qualified as a write-in candidate per this subsection shall be counted and canvassed as a valid vote.

Section 2. The Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage and adoption by the City Council.

VOTE RESULTS OF FIRST READING:

Mayor Richard A. Brown.	Yes
Vice Mayor Harriet Pruette	Yes
Councilor Fred Lee	Yes
Councilor Eric Pardee	Yes
Councilor John Weldon	Absent

Passed on First Reading this 7th day of July, 2008.

VOTE RESULTS OF SECOND AND FINAL READING:

Mayor Richard A. Brown
Vice Mayor Harriet Pruette
Councilor Fred Lee
Councilor Eric Pardee
Councilor John Weldon

Passed on Second and Final Reading this day of , 2008.

Richard A. Brown
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Volpe, CMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form and correctness:

Christopher A. White
City Attorney