

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 3474

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE
TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE
HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON
MARCH 17, 2026 FOR THE ELECTION OF MAYOR AND
FOUR COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS: Sections 97 and 105 of the Town Charter of the Town of Surfside (“Town”) provide the date of holding elections; and

WHEREAS, Section 97 of the Town Charter provides in pertinent part: “The regular election for the choice of members of the commission shall be held on the third Tuesday in March of each even numbered calendar year”; and

WHEREAS, Section 105(1) of the Town Charter provides in pertinent part: “On the third Tuesday in March in every even numbered calendar year, all members of the Town Commission shall be elected for terms of two (2) years...”, “terms to begin at 8 o'clock P.M. on the day following the Election”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 26.8 of the Town Code, the Town Commission shall, not less than 30 days prior to the proposed date of such election, adopt a resolution setting forth the date of the election, the purpose of the election, the list of polling places, the persons designated and assigned to serve as clerks of the election and as inspectors of the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 107 of the Town Code, “[t]he polls shall open at seven o'clock a.m. and close at seven o'clock p.m., by whatever time is officially used by the town”; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this election is to elect the Mayor and all four members of the Town Commission, each for a two-year term, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside holds their election in precinct 9 which is located in Town Hall at 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, FL 33154, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 26.12, “[t]he canvassing board shall consist of the town manager, town clerk and one commissioner, who shall be selected by the town commission at the time the election is called. If any of the foregoing are unable or unwilling to serve on the canvassing board, the town attorney shall serve as an alternate. However, two members of the canvassing board shall constitute a quorum for all purposes hereunder”; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the Town.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE
FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. That in accordance with the provision of the Charter of the Town of Surfside (Chapter 27914, Laws of Florida, 1951,) as amended, a general municipal election is hereby directed to be held in the Town of Surfside at the Town Hall Commission Chambers, 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, Florida, from 7:00 o'clock a.m. until 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Standard Time, on the 17th day of March, 2026, said date being the third Tuesday in March 2026, for the purpose of electing the Mayor and all four members of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside and to fill any vacancy then existing.

The Mayoral candidate receiving 50% + 1 majority vote, and the Commissioner candidates receiving the first, second, third and fourth highest number of votes, will each be elected for a term of two (2) years. The Commissioner receiving the highest number of votes in the General Election shall, for a term of two years immediately following thereafter, have the title of Vice-Mayor.

All terms shall commence at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the day following such election.

In the event of a tie vote or less than 50% + 1 majority vote for the Mayoral race,

or a tie between two or more Commissioner candidates, a run-off election will be held the first Tuesday of April following the General Election.

Section 2. That the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish in accordance with F.S. 50.0311, and F.S. 100.021 a notice of said general municipal election in substantially the following form, to-wit:

**"NOTICE OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION FOR
ELECTING THE MAYOR AND ALL FOUR
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE,
FLORIDA
MARCH 17, 2026**

A general municipal election will be held on March 17, 2026 from 7:00 o'clock a.m. until 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Standard Time, in the Town of Surfside, at the Town Hall Commission Chambers, Surfside, Florida, at which election the qualified electors participating therein will vote for the election of the Mayor and all four Commissioners of the Town of Surfside."

Section 3. The canvassing board shall consist of the town manager, town clerk and town attorney with alternate members to be appointed accordingly.

Section 4. That the official ballot to be used at such general election shall be as required by Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections. The Town Clerk shall prepare or submit the ballot so that the names of the qualified candidates in each category will appear on said ballot; provided, however, that said ballot and its preparation and arrangement shall be such as to comply with the laws of the State of Florida with respect to the use of voting machines.

Section 5. That the Town Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to perform and carry out such other and additional duties as may be imposed by the Town Charter, State Statute or Ordinance in the conduct of said election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January 2026.

Motion by Commissioner Velasquez,

Second by Vice Mayor Paul.

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Commissioner Ruben A. Coto	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Gerardo Vildostegui	<u>Absent</u>
Vice Mayor Tina Paul	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Charles W. Burkett	<u>Yes</u>

ATTEST:

Sandra N. McCready, Town Clerk



Charles W. Burkett, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



Thais Hernandez, Town Attorney