

RESOLUTION 17-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARY ESTHER; SCHEDULING A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD AT THE MARCH 13, 2018 ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS TO NEW BUSINESSES AND EXPANSIONS OF EXISTING BUSINESSES THAT WILL CREATE NEW, FULL-TIME JOBS IN THE CITY OF MARY ESTHER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Florida and Florida Statutes authorizes the City of Mary Esther to grant property tax exemptions and other economic development incentives to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses that are expected to create new, full-time jobs in the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article VII of the State Constitution and Florida Statutes grants this authority upon approval by the electorate of the City; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Mary Esther will be voting on March 13, 2018, in the Election and the City Council resolves to place the ballot issue before the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARY ESTHER, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council does hereby direct that the authority to grant economic development property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses that are expected to create new, full-time jobs in the city be placed upon the ballot at the Election to be held on March 13, 2018.
2. That as a result of the foregoing, the City Council does hereby establish the following ballot title and official wording of the ballot question to be submitted to the vote of the electors of the City of Mary Esther and such shall appear on the ballot at the Election to be held on March 13, 2018:

BALLOT TITLE:

A vote allowing temporary economic development property tax exemptions to businesses that create new jobs.

BALLOT LANGUAGE:

In order to create new jobs, shall the Mary Esther City Council be authorized to grant, pursuant to s. 3, Art. VII of the State Constitution, temporary economic development property

tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses that will create new, full time jobs in the City?

___Yes For authority to grant exemptions.

___No Against authority to grant exemptions.

3. The Supervisor of Elections shall take all necessary actions to meet the legal requirements to conduct an Election on March 13, 2018, including but not limited to publishing a notice of said election once in the fifth week and once in the third week prior to the week in which the referendum election is to be held.
4. This Resolution shall take effect upon approval of the City Council of the City of Mary Esther.

SO DONE THIS 6th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.


By: 

Chris Stein, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dana L.S. Williams, CMC
City Clerk

Approved for form and legal sufficiency:


Hayward Dykes, Jr., City Attorney